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FOREWORD

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THE MOVEMENT AND STORAGE OF PIPE AND SHAPES

I. INTRODUCTION

The movement and storage of pipe and shapes in many shipyards may be a function that is in need of continual process improvement. Handling these cumbersome objects is an unavoidable task in the construction and repair of any vessel. The Facilities and Environmental Effects Panel (SP-1) of the Ship Production Committee of SNAME has **identified the efficient handling of pipe and shapes as a critical element in the pursuit of an efficient and productive shipbuilding initiative.**

The traditional method for handling any item in a shipyard is to use available equipment in an “efficient” manner. The method of equipment **utilization is continually being altered to optimize this “efficiency.”**

This report is structured to analyze the issues related to the movement and storage of pipe and shapes. Section II defines problems **involved with material handling in general, and movement and storage of pipe and shapes in particular. The section also summarizes the findings of the literature search.**

Section III reviews many of the previous NSRP reports, and other literature, **to develop the background and basis for this study. This review also serves to provide an additional reference source for dealing with pipe and shapes movement in the marine construction industry. Problems experienced in material handling in general and pipe and shapes handling in particular are discussed.**

Section IV discusses general material handling principles. These **principles provide guidelines for those involved in the design and analysis of existing and possible alternative systems.**

Section V describes the benefits of using unit loads to characterize the machinery and materials in a handling system. A unit load code for **pipe and shapes is proposed.**

Section VI describes the attributes of the various types of movement **and storage devices. Fork trucks, straddle carriers, lifter loaders, cranes**

and other machines are investigated. Storage hardware and software devices are also investigated. Cantilever racks, pallet racks, bar code readers and printers, and specialty accessories are described in this section.

Section VII implements the information developed in the previous sections. A “generic” shipyard is developed to serve as a basis for any shipyard material manager looking at the movement and storage needs of his or her particular yard. A methodology is described for analyzing pipe and shapes material handling problems. The body of the report describes the over-all methodology, while a specific case study is presented in Section VIII. This case study utilizes concepts developed by manufacturers of pipe and structural shapes, harvesters and distributors of timber, and general material handling specialists.

Some of the material handling problems discussed in this study are best solved by a distinct type of machinery. Often this machinery is described by brand name and model as the best solution to a particular phase of a handling situation. There was no intention on the part of the investigators to endorse any brand or make of machinery, nor does this indicate an endorsement of any manufacturer by any organization associated with these studies.

The appendices list the many sources of information used by the investigating team.

II. PROBLEM DEFINITION AND METHOD OF APPROACH

Pipes come in various diameters, wall thicknesses and materials. Structural shapes come with similar attributes plus the added variable of different shapes. Some of the many attributes that need to be considered for handling pipe and shapes are shown in Table II-1 and II-2, respectively.

Table II-1
PIPE ATTRIBUTES

MATERIAL	DIAMETER	SIZE WEIGHT ¹	LENGTH ²	ALLOY ³	COATING	PACKAGING
STEEL	<2"	40,80,120	20,SRL	A1,A2, A3	PAINT/ OTHER	BUNDLES
STEEL	>2" , <12"	40,80,120	20,SRL,DRL	A1,A2, A3	PAINT/ OTHER	LOOSE BUNKS
STEEL	>12"	40,80,120	20,SRL,DRL	A1,A2, A3	PAINT/ OTHER	LOOSE BUNKS
CRES ²	< 2"	80,120	20	A4,A5, A6	N/A	BUNDLE/BOX
CRES	> 2"	80,120	20	A4,A5, A6	N/A	BUNDLES
ALUMINUM	<3"		20	A7,A8	MILL/PAINT	BUNDLES
ALUMINUM	>3"		20	A7,A8	MILL/PAINT	BANDED
COPPER	< 2"		20	N/A	N/A	BUNDLE/BOX
COPPER	>2"		20	N/A	N/A	BUNDLE/BOX
CU-NI	< 2"		20	A9,A10	N/A	BUNDLE/BOX
CU-NI	> 2"		20	A9,A10	N/A	BUNDLE/BOX
FRP	< 4"		20,40	A11,A12	A,B	BUNDLE
FRP	> 4"		20,40	A11,A12	A,B	LOOSE BUNKS

source: Study Team

¹Numbers in the Weight column refer to standard iron pipe size (IPS), weight schedules, pipe schedules (sizes).

²Refers to possible code designations for the various strengths of pipe.

³CRES refers to corrosion resistant pipe.

The scope of the problem definition was limited to moving pipe and shapes from the delivery vehicle to storage, possibly to and from a pre-processing site, and then to the initial production processing location. It generally does not include movement or storage in the pipe or steel fabrication shops, although some methods discussed for bulk storage may be adapted to in-process storage. For pipe, it included handling spools out of the shop and into the first outfitting stage, including handling involved for kitting. Kitting is the grouping of pipe spools into outfit packages ready for zone outfitting.

Table II-2
SHAPE ATTRIBUTES

MATERIAL	PRODUCT	ALLOY ⁴	SIZE		FINISH
			LENGTH ⁵	WEIGHT/FT ⁶	
STEEL	FLAT BAR	A,B,C	1,2,3	7,8,9	COATED/NOT
STEEL	ANGLE	A,B,C	1,2,3	7,8,9	C/NC
STEEL	CHANNEL	A,B,C	1,2,3	7,8,9	C/NC
STEEL	TEE	A,B,C	1,2,3	7,8,9	C/NC
STEEL	PIPE	A,B,C	1,2,3	7,8,9	C/NC
STEEL	I-BEAM	A,B,C	1,2,3	7,8,9	C/NC
STEEL	WIDE I-BEAM	A,B,C	1,2,3	7,8,9	C/NC
STEEL	OTHER BARS	A,B,C	1,2,3	7,8,9	C/NC
STEEL	SQUARE TUBE	A,B,C	1,2,3	7,8,9	C/NC
ALUMINUM	FLAT BAR	D,E,F	4,5,6	10,11,12	C/NC
ALUMINUM	ANGLE	D,E,F	4,5,6	10,11,12	C/NC
ALUMINUM	CHANNEL	D,E,F	4,5,6	10,11,12	C/NC
ALUMINUM	TEE	D,E,F	4,5,6	10,11,12	C/NC
ALUMINUM	I-BEAM	D,E,F	4,5,6	10,11,12	C/NC
ALUMINUM	PIPE	D,E,F	4,5,6	10,11,12	C/NC
ALUMINUM	SQUARE TUBE	D,E,F	4,5,6	10,11,12	C/NC

source: Study Team

The ultimate goal of changing a handling system can be related to reducing costs. This goal can be pursued by concentrating on one or more of the following objectives suggested by The Material Handling Institute^{7, 4} [12]

⁴Refer to possible code designations for the various strengths of shapes.

⁵Refer to possible code designations for various lengths of shapes.

⁶Refer to possible code designations for various weights per lineal foot of shapes.

⁷Numbers in brackets designate references at the end of this report.

TABLE II-3
GOALS OF MATERIAL HANDLING

1. Reduced Costs: **Handling costs are reduced by eliminating** unnecessary or repetitive handling, and by integrating handling steps with material flow through the shipyard.
2. Reduced Labor: Good handling practices will avoid strenuous manual effort and will usually reduce labor overhead.
3. Increased Safety: Reduced strenuous labor and unsafe manual tasks increase safety, mechanized systems equipped with safety interlocks reduce hazards significantly, and safety is enhanced when activities are performed in an organized, planned manner.
4. Increased Capacity: This objective can be met by increasing efficiency and using available space for work and storage, promoting effective inventory control, and increasing throughput with mechanized equipment.
5. Reduced Waste: Better in-process handling will improve product quality, reduce scrap, and minimize damage. Efficient handling also reduces waste by improving inventory control.
6. Improved Service: Better handling methods help service “downline” customers more efficiently, ensuring that their supplies arrive when needed, and with a minimum of damage.
7. Higher Productivity: Effective handling increases employee productivity, improves machine utilization, and helps create a more competitive position.

source: Material Handling Institute [12]

The handling problem definition requires that all constraints imposed on the handling system be determined. A list of the major constraints are shown in Table II-4:

Table II-4
MAJOR CONSTRAINTS

1. **Managerial:** Managerial constraints may be financial budgets based on a certain payback period, deadlines for proposals or getting a new system “on-stream,” or unwritten philosophical constraints based on conservatism or boldness involved in other management decisions.
2. **Work Force Characteristics:** Worker characteristics that bind (or open the bounds of) a project are motivation levels, skill levels, and union cooperation.
3. **Material:** Potential material constraints are the weight, size and shape of the various items, the overall volume of material the system is going to handle, and special characteristics (such as those listed in Table II-1 and Table II-2). Positive attributes of the subject materials are that they are generally self supporting and rugged and do not require a lot of protection.
4. **Available Space:** The amount of space available may be an asset or a liability, but space usually limits choices relative to the type of storage and the movement methods utilized.
5. **Building Characteristics:** Building constraints include size, location of utilities, columns, obstructions, age, and openings.
6. **Equipment Characteristics:** Initial costs, capabilities, emissions, useful life, and maintenance are some constraints to consider.

source: Material Handling Institute [12]

A sample economic analysis, contained in Section VIII, gives some typical variations resulting from the introduction of constraints.

The expected results are to produce a concise picture of all applicable aspects of the problem. Operational capabilities should be defined. The previously mentioned items of problem definition should be condensed into a document summarizing the results and findings of the study to that point.

Preliminary findings may indicate that there is no real handling problem, and further analysis is not needed. A shipyard that has an efficient handling system may not perceive a problem. However, with the potential savings at stake, and the fact that handling the materials adds no value to the final product, it behooves the investigator to perform a basic analysis to prove the system sound.

The last part of problem definition is to develop a form by which to analyze the problem and to provide a solution. A rough form for analysis is recommended because, as the problem is studied to greater detail and solutions appear, the form of the analysis may change.

In this project the investigators studied pipe and shapes handling problems from the perspective of applying the solutions to a variety of shipyards using a variety of materials. The case study, in the appendix, narrows that perspective to give specific examples.

The method of analysis was to:

- 1. analyze movement and storage methods from the material handling perspective;*
- 2. present a form for analyzing a shipyard for material handling, including particular items that need consideration for handling pipe and shapes; and*
- 3. present sample analyses to support the methods discussed.*

III. REVIEW OF OTHER STUDIES AND THE LITERATURE

This section gives a generalized review of literature and related studies funded by earlier National Shipbuilding Research Program (NSRP) projects, and other related material handling literature. The reference is found in the reference section at the end of this report.

A material handling equipment study [13] performed in 1973 at Ingalls Shipbuilding relates mainly to large load transporters, such as 500-ton module lifts with airlift transporters. However a multipallet transporter was evaluated. This machine could lift and load itself with a rotatable fork lift mast, and carry three (up to six lightly loaded) pallets at up to 30 mph. The concept is interesting, but few, if any, are in use today.

Basic considerations for an automated pipe shop were described in the paper “Increase of Productivity by Automated Prefabrication of Pipe Spools.” [32] A relatively general paper, it gives some basic, but important, guidance for material handling.

The paper titled “Automation of Design and Production of Piping Systems” [4] deals mainly with pipe system designs, but has some useful guidance for handling. The authors suggest including information on pipe storage locations on the working drawings to facilitate retrieval. The system stores a one-week supply of material in an automated retrieval system. Material is retrieved and placed into the automated pipe shop system as needed.

An advanced pipe technology study was conducted in 1976-77 [1, 2] which concentrated on pipe system design and specific fabrication items. General comments of relevance were that shops evolved by necessity and would be difficult to change; “conventional” pipe skids and pallets were corm-nom, material was handled by shipway cranes; and vendor supplies were unreliable. Specific highlights for material handling were:

- 1. use of a special steel pallet provided with lifting lugs and fork skids, and shaped to hold spools without strapping or the instability associated with flat pallets;*
- 2. two-inch and smaller pipe and tube were assembled on-board ships under construction in many shipyards (recall this is a 1977 report);*

3. one yard bent larger diameters of CU-NI pipe in the steel pipe shop then moved it to the copper shop for processing; and

4. one yard was noted as having a very large outside storage area for raw material and finished spools.

The report contains descriptions of the pipe shops in most of the active yards. Insufficient storage space for raw material and finished spools was noted as a common problem. Unfortunately, a final report was never issued and many details are missing.

A “Feasibility Study of Semi-Automatic Pipe Handling System and Fabrication Facility” [7] was performed at Avondale Shipyard in 1978. The study addressed many aspects of pipe handling but focused mainly on pipe shop machinery (such as benders and flange welders). Particularly interesting to this study were specific recommendations for handling pipe, summarized below:

1. a dedicated rack storage and locator system should be planned for pipe sizes 1 1/2-inch to 24-inch, with adequate provisions for loading, unloading and selection;

2. have sort and feed capability at the storage rack so the operator can automatically select and direct pipe from the rack and send it to a work station;

3. have *a means for scrap to be conveyed out of the shop;*

4. store finished spools before assembly in a palletized fashion in the order needed for assembly; and

5. handling and transportation means should be provided to move the fabricated pipe to the assembly site.

The report further recommends using a dedicated computer system to keep track of all the processes so that potential process savings will not be reduced by the costs of unproductive engineering and management time. Projected savings for material handling alone were 68 percent. Applicable parts of this study will be directly referenced in the body of this report.

The follow-on study to this report was the implementation of the feasibility study, [27] again mainly dealing with the semi-automated manufacturing of pipe spools, where a number of interesting facets of pipe manufacturing are stated:

- 1. roughly 25 percent of the total hull cost of a ship (in this case a LASH freighter) is related to fabricated piping;*
- 2. all the hardware for pipe shops is readily available, but was not installed as a total system in any of the shipyards visited in Phase I of the study, including yards in Japan and Germany (where much of the equipment is manufactured);*
- 3. work stations all have reserve areas for in-process storage; and*
- 4. the infeed rack capacity is designed for a two-week supply (a detailed inventory of this loading was provided).*

A report dealing with special structural shapes [28] was interesting in its analysis of economics of alternative structural shape usage, but did not address any aspects of material handling.

A series of MOST⁸ work management manuals prepared by the NSRP [14, 18, 15, 16, 17] provides little useful information for material handling. However, these manuals do give some reasonable guides to the incremental steps used in the production areas and from them one can infer the required material handling evolutions required to feed the production system.

The guide, “Basics of Material Handling,” [12] and the follow-on guide “Advanced Material Handling” [11] are publications from the Material Handling Institute, a national trade association. They are excellent primers on the generic framework from which most all material handling problems can be addressed.

A computer software system was developed in 1980 as a joint project with Avondale and IBM [23] to manage the pipe manufacturing evolutions in a shipyard from system design to material ordering to pallet delivery at the outfitting stage of construction. Although it did not specifically address material handling, it certainly did address material control, and would be useful to an organization that had its manufacturing processes under

control and wished to streamline its material handling procedures. The same management systems can be used for shapes as well as pipes. This philosophy has been modernized, developed and, refined for use in modern computer systems and will form the basis of the “ideal” pipe and shapes handling system.

A beam line feasibility study [26] was done at Avondale in 1981 to look at automating the processing of manufacturing steel beams. Recommended handling specifics were use of

- 1. an automatic feed system to feed beams into the processing area;*
- 2. an automatic conveying system is to move work between work stations;*
- 3. conveyors and transfer tables are used to move beams from side to side and at different angles for the line; and*
- 4. the ability to load short cut-off lengths onto a pallet wagon and transport to a pallet transfer area.*

The report does not mention raw storage and handling or long length kitting or palletizing. The arrangement of the central processing part of the facility is nicely described.

The NSRP study “Pipe Piece Family Manufacturing” (PPFM) [21] addresses the production philosophy used for pipe shops and is one of the benchmark references in that regard. However, it does not get directly into material handling problems. PPFM does set an important framework from which to prioritize material handling decisions to feed a well organized pipe shop. It states that:

¹¹ ...successful PPFM is logical classification and control of material. A warehouse organization dedicated to pipe shop methods is mandatory. . .“

The report encourages purchase of material by the classification scheme of “stock,” “allocated stock” or “allocated” depending on whether the pipe is a standard consumable (stock), a specialized consumable (allocated stock) or special order (allocated) item. Applicable suggestions from the report were:

- 1. in planning for modernization of a pipe shop, each aspect of the system should be considered, along with its impact on other parts of the system;*
- 2. pipe-shop work flow should be in a single direction;*
- 3. in-process storage should be capable of 112 to 1 day capacity, and not consume too much floor space;*
- 4. space and handling facilities for stock pipe should anticipate one week operation. However, large diameter pipe, which requires excessive space, should be limited to 2 to 3 days stock, depending on anticipated volume; and*
- 5. a special facility should exist for any special work, such as repair or last minute changes, that would disrupt the regular work flow.*

An NSRP report issued in 1985 on material management [22] gives an in-depth look at all aspects of how material for ships is ordered, procured, stored and eventually used. The thrust of the report is to reduce material financing and warehousing costs by establishing better relationships with the supplier base. Material costs for shipbuilders with efficient processes (so labor costs are already minimized) account for 60-70 percent of the cost of a vessel. Related procurement, financing, and handling costs are the target for further cost reductions. The lowest bid for a particular purchase may not be the lowest overall cost when warehouse, handling, and inventory costs are added. Use of the ideas in this report would likely reduce the material handling and storage requirement and thus make it easier to streamline the remaining handling requirements.

A pipe movement and storage study [20] done by Avondale in 1986 is a natural progression from the earlier reports [7, 27] done by Avondale on the automated pipe manufacturing facility. Once the manufacturing processes, as a larger part of the whole pipe production process, were streamlined, Avondale examined improving efficiencies in the material flow ahead of the shop. Key recommendations from this study were:

- 1. large raw material savings could be realized by ordering double random lengths (DRL) of pipe for diameters over 2" then setting up a cutting facility at the outside storage yard;*
- 2. the outside storage yard should be a dedicated facility with dedicated personnel and equipment;*
- 3. A-106 pipe should be used where a mix of A-106 and A-53 pipe is specified to reduce the number of pieces in stock;*
- 4. specify delivery by flat bed trailer in bundles (for less than 2") or strip loaded; and*
- 5. order pipe with plain ends.*

The report deals primarily with ordering and outside storage and does not address racks or innovative handling methods. The handling parts of the report are generalized with the following reservations:

- 1. borrowed equipment (from other yard activities) may not be available when needed;*
- 2. certain pieces of handling equipment may not be able to manage DRL joints or unload gondola rail cars;*
- 3. storage racks limit the number of handling options; and*
- 4. storage at the receiving end of the pipe shop would be ideal; but space may be limited so storage would be scattered.*

An extensive survey was done by Avondale in 1985 [24] which looked at all aspects of light material movement and storage. The various types of equipment are described, as are many aspects of material management and control.

Kolodziejczak [10] gives an overview of the many considerations used to develop shipboard piping systems. The scope of piping systems manufacturing for various ship types is described, along with shop operations and design problems and the design/manufacturing interface. Group Technology and other producibility aspects of efficient manufacturing are addressed for piping systems. A comprehensive identification code is proposed to describe all applicable attributes of piping system design. The proposed code is used to direct a hypothetical production routing through a shop. A good historical summary of world, U. S. commercial and U. S. combatant shipbuilding technology is also provided.

Bruce [5] looks at shipyard material handling in support of the efficient manufacturing buzzwords of “group technology,” “just-in-time manufacturing” (and material supply), and “flexible manufacturing systems.” The axiom heard in many areas of shipbuilding that material handling adds no value to the product, but can contribute significantly to the cost of producing the product, is again presented.

Saginaw [25] describes the advances made at National Steel and Shipbuilding Company during the implementation of advanced production technology pipe shop improvements. Internal pipe shop arrangements and processes are the primary subjects addressed, but a major area is the support of the outfitting trades downstream of the shop.

Huber [9] relates to a generic philosophy of material handling calling it “flow.” Material handling is often “taken for granted” but should be a primary consideration for cost reduction in any manufacturing entity. Use of automatic guided vehicles (AGV) is looked at not only for movement, but for use as in-process work stations and temporary storage. While not directly applicable to this study, it provides an interesting insight into current thinking on material handling.

The offshore oil industry has challenges similar to shipbuilding for handling pipe. Walstad and Crawford [31] have taken a detailed look at the expenses associated with mishandling expensive but fragile, high-strength drill pipe. Much of the paper deals with protecting threaded ends, corrosion protection in storage, and running the pipe at the well site. The importance of proper handling is emphasized.

A recently published study introduces Phase I of “Simulation Models for Development of Optimal Material Handling.” [29] Phase I sets the framework by which a shipyard can evaluate its material handling evolutions, and optimize the whole system for least cost. The proposed

system requires the many parts of the material handling infrastructure to be recorded and entered into a comprehensive data base. Included must be material handling equipment and capacities, yard layout, types of surfaces, personnel and skill levels required for each handling evolution, and the properties of the material to be handled.

Sullivan [30] discusses “Trends in Material Handling” and keys on the issue of getting away from the all-out, hi-tech methods, such as huge automated storage and retrieval systems (AS/RS), and into refining the management of smaller or manual systems.

IV. PRINCIPLES OF MATERIAL HANDLING

The objective of this section is to define several principles that can be applied to any material handling situation. The primary sources used in the development of these principles were Eastman [28] and Kulweic [12, 11]. These principles should be considered as guidelines from which to analyze a planned or existing handling system. The principles are as summarized in Table IV-1 and explained more fully below.

ORIENTATION

The orientation principle is vital to any industrial engineering problem-solving evolution. As described in section III, this includes problem definition and a thorough analysis of the existing situation, which should be done with the other principles kept in mind.

PLANNING

The handling problem should be optimized in the planning process. Handling should also be balanced against the efficiencies of other parts of the yard. Just as islands of automation in a production process are not very useful, an island of overly efficient material handling is not useful if not balanced against the operations around it. The planning principle is used in the Design Analysis section, Section VIII.

INTEGRATION

The integration of the handling system into a coordinated system that includes all aspects of the problem will produce a more efficient overall system. Material flow should be in one direction and along the shortest path. Any alternates are likely to increase costs and detract from an efficient system.

FLOW OPTIMIZATION

Flow optimization can play a crucial role in the productivity of a production line where “raw” material enters at one end, is added to other parts along a path, and an interim or finished product comes out the other. Crossed paths, backtracking, and other deviations from the main path are avoided. While not as obvious to the gross handling requirements of the raw material alone, the principle of flow optimization should be considered when redesigning a handling system.

Table VI-1

THE 20 PRINCIPLES OF MATERIAL HANDLING

1. Orientation. Study the system and define problems.
2. Planning. Plan all material handling to obtain maximum overall operating efficiency.
3. Systems Integration. Integrate as many handling activities as is practical into a coordinated system of operations, include vendor, receiving, storage, production, inspection, packaging, warehousing, shipping, transportation, and customer.
4. Flow Optimization. Provide an operation sequence and equipment layout Optimizing material flow.
5. simplification. Simplify handling by reducing or eliminating unnecessary movements and/or equipment
6. Gravity. Utilize gravity to move material wherever practical.
7. Space Utilization. Make optimum utilization of building cube.
8. Unit Size. Increase the quantity, size, or weight of unit loads or flow rates.
9. Mechanization. Mechanize handling operations.
10. Automation. Provide automation to include production, handling, and storage functions.
11. Equipment Selection In selecting handling equipment consider all aspects
12. Standardization. Standardize handling methods as well as types and sizes of handling equipment
13. Adaptability Use methods and equipment that can best perform a variety of tasks and applications where special Purpose equipment is not justified
14. Energy. Evaluate and optimise energy utilization of handling equipment and manpower.
15. Maintenance. Plan for preventive maintenance and scheduled repairs of all handling equipment.
16. Obsolescence. Replace obsolete handling methods and equipment when more efficient methods or equipment will improve operations.
17. Control. use material handling activities to improve control of production, inven-tory and order handling.
18. Capacity. Use handling equipment to help achieve desired production capacity.
19. Performance. Determine efftiveness of handling performance in terms of expense per unit handled
20. Safety. Provide suitable methods and equipment for safe handling.

source Study Team

SIMPLIFICATION

Simplification is a principle that becomes self evident when a detailed study of existing material handling methods is done. A material handling evolution is best studied by dividing each handling task into the incremental steps that are required to be completed. For example, a simple “lift” step involves locating the material in storage, positioning the lift truck or other device, lifting the objects, possibly bailing the objects, backing the truck out of the storage location, and lowering the load for transport. Each one of these steps is deserving of scrutiny to look for possible system savings.

Automation is not always required. For example, use of an automated storage and retrieval system (AS/RS) can be beneficial for a distributor that is constantly handling various materials, but is likely to be too complicated and is not justified for lesser handling requirements.

GRAVITY

Gravity seems to be a simple principle to use, but it is still an important one to consider. Gravity is frequently used for pipe because of the ease of rolling the objects. Care must be taken to keep pipe from rolling too fast, or the pipe (especially copper or copper-nickle pipe) or handling equipment may be damaged, or handling personnel may be placed at risk.

SPACE UTILIZATION

Space utilization is probably the most common rule for effective storage, but is frequently ignored in favor of seemingly less expensive “spread out” storage. Space utilization is simply the most effective use of the “building cube.” A storage building with high ceilings that uses floor or low-capacity racks is wasting the space up to the ceiling. Outside storage can improve by keeping the storage system neat, concise and orderly. This eliminates excess movement and distance for handling machinery, thus cutting costs.

UNIT SIZE

Unit size is a difficult concept to quantify for pipe and shapes. For simple material handling, a unit may be a standard pallet, a cardboard box, or a ton of bulk material. For pipe and shapes, the unit must be defined based on the equipment and space available. Application of this principle may also require an analysis of the purchasing function. Therefore, it would seem that a material handling system that could handle the occasional

60-foot long, wide flange I-beam, or the 46-foot (longest of double random length) pipe would be the optimum. Other considerations that may be addressed are the frequency of moving these largest pieces, the ability to handle smaller loads, and the flexibility of the machinery for other applications.

ADAPTABILITY

Few material handling arrangements can be dedicated to the same task for an extended period. Most systems should be designed with a flexible capability to allow changes in the system without complete system redesign. For example, a shipyard that optimized its handling capability for large diameter steel pipe for a run of standard petroleum product tankers would need to redesign its system to accommodate a naval vessel with large amounts of copper-nickle pipe, or a chemical tanker with large amounts of stainless steel piping.

AUTOMATION

Automation is a principle that is often over emphasized. Few shipyards can justify the expense of an AS/RS for any part of their material handling requirements. Reasonably automated tasks can be as simple as the use of bar coding for material identification and inventory control, or automated feed from the in-process pipe storage system.

EQUIPMENT SELECTION

Equipment selection is more of a caution than a principle. The warning is to consider all aspects of the material being moved and stored and choose the equipment that best satisfies most of the handling requirements. For example, an all-terrain, high-lift fork truck may have the weight capacity, rough ground capability, and the ability to load high racks. But if the fork truck has narrow forks or can not accommodate a clamping device, this truck will be unable to safely handle long objects across the forks.

MECHANIZATION

Mechanization can reduce labor costs. Manual handling is generally slower, prone to error, possibly dangerous, and more costly than mechanized handling. Pipe and shapes discussed in this study are

generally too large for manual handling alone, but guiding and sorting are some manual operations that can be eliminated by proper use of mechanical handling devices.

STANDARDIZATION

The SNAME Ship Production Committee has a panel (SP-6) to study the standardization of items and procedures used in actual ship construction. Significant savings are realized when standards are implemented in ship construction and material handling. For example, if gantry cranes and specialized pallets are the prevalent system used in the area, it may be wise to adapt this system for other handling requirements.

ENERGY

Overall energy usage in many shipyards is so large that looking at energy efficiency in a single segment of a material handling system seems to be a trivial matter. However, energy usage can be a significant factor used for comparing alternatives. Electric vehicles are more energy efficient for space limited applications, but are not as flexible for operations at a variety of dispersed locations. Internal combustion powered vehicles are more powerful and flexible, but waste energy while idling. Energy is but another important principle to consider when weighing alternatives.

MAINTENANCE

Maintenance should also be considered when evaluating alternatives for handling equipment selection. Most handling equipment has maintenance requirements, including repairs and component replacements. Electric fork lifts require battery replacement, combustion engine trucks require scheduled maintenance, occasional rebuilds and possibly replacements. Storage buildings, outside storage bunkers and bar code readers should all have maintenance and repair planned into their life costs.

OBSOLESCENCE

The useful life of equipment should be considered during the planning stages so that obsolescence doesn't overtake the system. A handling system whose components are designed for twenty years may be overly expensive when technology may make it obsolete in ten. For example, a decision to use internal combustion powered vehicles over

electric vehicles, for range or continuous endurance advantages, and then plan for a twenty year life may be ill advised with the rapidly developing capacity of heavy duty batteries. Planning for obsolescence may be a questionable proposition, but a necessary step

CONTROL

Control is a principle that can be applied in two ways. One wants to maintain as much control of an operating handling system as possible. Control can be illustrated by a comparison of two material handling scenarios. In one, a machine operator is given a list of pipes that need to be moved from long term storage to a pipe shop supply silo in a certain time period but in no particular order. The operator is given the responsibility to decide what machine to use, when to get which pipes, where to find the material in the yard, and so on. In a controlled situation, the operator is directed to move specified pipes from a specific location with the most efficient machine at a predetermined time and order.

The other application of the control principle is to use the moving and storing system to improve control of inventory, order handling and production. The material handlers can be given inventory control responsibility. If the beginning quantity of any item is known, and the handling people are the only ones adding or subtracting from the stock (assuming a reliable system) there is no need for a separate inventory system. Quality material handling can help control production by ensuring that the proper materials are in the proper place at the proper time and condition. Production is the “customer” of the handling department and should be supplied with quality service.

A similar philosophy is recommended for production process control. If the process is in control and producing quality parts or assemblies, there is no need for post production inspection or “quality control.” The process being in control is the quality control. The same can be said for a handling system.

CAPACITY

Handling equipment and systems should be planned to satisfy production capacity. Otherwise, the handling system will be overdesigned and not very cost effective. An alternative, which could be the exception to prove the rule, is that all gross material handling can be done in one shift

to supply a production facility, which is more efficient operating around the clock. The production shops that use the pipe and shapes subject to this study usually have custody of the raw material for a longer period than the handling department that feeds the shop. Thus, the shops can usually be supplied in relatively short order. Furthermore, single shift labor is usually less expensive than a multi-shift force.

PERFORMANCE

The performance of the material handling system is its measure of efficiency. Expense per unit load is the measure of merit utilized in judging performance for most systems. Alternative measures would have to be considered for systems that handle sensitive or fragile material, or are optimized for some other priority.

SAFETY

It should be understood that consideration of safety is constantly a concern for planning and implementing a material handling system. While it is easy for planners to get caught up in the process of planning for efficiency and cost effectiveness, they must be aware of the potential expenses associated with personnel injuries. These personnel injury expenses may be significantly larger than the initial investment cost associated with the implementation of a “safer” system.

V. UNIT LOAD DEFINITION

A unit load is a common size and weight of material in a particular handling system that groups a number of smaller items into a single unit that can be easily handled. For bulk material such as coal or iron ore, the unit is usually a ton. For many warehousing operations, the pallet is the common unit. Pallets are handy objects for unitizing because racks, fork trucks, conveyers and many other parts of the handling industry have specialized in handling pallets. For pipe and shapes handling, the common 4' by 4' pallet will not manage 40' or 60' material. Larger specialized pallets have been developed to handle these materials in intermediate processing stages and will be described in detail in another section. Unit load handling "promotes faster movement of goods, permits personnel to handle larger loads, reduces loading and unloading times, reduces inventory and space requirements, and cuts costs." [12]

The unit load must take into account the largest pieces of material to be received in economic order quantities and the normal size pieces that can be handled by common handling, storing and processing equipment. Some common raw material sizes were shown in Tables II-1 and II-2

The other factor that must be considered for unit load definition is the type, capacity and availability of existing handling equipment. In a large shipyard, with large volumes of pipe and shapes throughput, a detailed analysis is likely to show that purchase of a specialized piece of equipment to handle the largest unit load is justified. In smaller yards with less volume, a combination of limiting raw material size and adapting existing equipment is a likely handling choice. Examples of unit load development for different materials are presented, and a unit load is developed in the case study in Section VIII.

Basic attributes of a unit load designation are:

1. *raw material length,*
2. *dimensions,*
3. *weight (including unit weight or weight per foot), and*
4. *material type (magnetic, fragile, etc.).*

After the materials are broken down into unit loads, the whole handling procedure can be analyzed by the number of unit loads moved and the time required to move each unit load. This is the basis from which many handling evolutions can be studied. Some examples are presented for unit load development, then a simple unit load code is proposed.

A typical unit load development example is for a large yard handling large steel I-beams. Wide-flange I-beams W-type 36X300 in 60 foot lengths are unloaded from a rail car. Each one weighs 18,000 pounds, or nine tons. For a 25-ton crane with a 1,000-pound spreader bar, a unit load is two beams. When the beams are deflanged to make T-sections, 5,700 pounds of flange are removed. Now the unit load includes four T-sections. In this example, the unit load for this stage of handling is totally weight dependent.

Another example of unit load development is for a double random length (DRL) load of 8-inch schedule-80 pipe, each pipe weighing 43.4 pounds/foot. The available handling equipment is a 15-ton lifter-loader with steadying clamps, so length and stability are not a problem. Double random length joints have an average length of 42 feet, so each joint weighs nearly 0.91 tons, and 16 make the weight limit on the loader. However, the loader forks are only four feet long, and pipe is only practically carried one level at a time, so the unit load is limited to five pipes at a time by volume.

Therefore, a proposed unit load designation or classification system must also contain enough information to relate to the handling equipment available. A likely form for such a system is:

Z-AA-BB-CC-DD.D-EE whereas:
Z->E = Equipment, S = Shape, and P = Pipe,
AA= length in feet,
BB = height in inches,
CC= width in inches,
DD.D = total weight in tons, and
EE = special handling notes.

The Z is used to designate whether the code is the limitation of the handling equipment, or the handling attributes for shapes or pipe. The A-D variables are numbers designating the physical limitations of the handling equipment. The EE is an alpha-numeric code used to designate

special handling capabilities, such as padded forks or nylon slings for sensitive materials. For the I-beam example above, where the crane was weight limited, the equipment and material unit load codes would read:

Crane code **E-XX-XX-XX-25 .O-C1**
Shape code **S-60 -37-17- 09.O-XX**

Specifying for the crane that:

- 1. any size of pipe or shape could be handled,*
- 2. the maximum weight capacity is 25 tons, and*
- 3. the C1 indicates that nylon slings are available for soft materials such as copper pipe.*

The equipment code for this example shows that the crane can handle any basic size of material as long as the weight does not exceed 25 tons. The unit load is determined by dividing the weight capacity by the material piece weight to find that the unit load is two pieces.

For the loader with the pipe example, the equipment and material unit load codes would read:

Loader code: **E-44.0-24 .0-48 .0-15 .0-PD**
Pipe code: **P-42.0-08 .5-08.5-0.9 1-XX**

Specifying for the lifter loader that

- 1. The longest length to be handled is 44 feet (limited by sway stability)*
- 2. Depth of the clamps limits height to 24 inches,*
- 3. Fork width limits material width to 48 inches,*
- 4. Maximum load weight is 15 tons, and*
- 5. PD could mean padded forks are available.*

Comparing the loader code to the pipe code below it shows that the limiting factor is fork width that makes the unit load five pipe pieces.

A unit load code for the material handling attributes of pipe and shapes could be related to the classification system used for pipe and shapes production. If a classification system for production is not used in a shipyard, a much simpler system should be considered for just the handling aspects of the materials.

Kolodziejczak [16] proposes a classification code for the pipe fabrication processes. His first attempt at code development required a 24 digit numeric code to include all the applicable attributes for joining two pieces of pipe as shown in Table V-1.

Table V-1
PROPOSED PIPE CLASSIFICATION CODE

Digit	Attribute
1	Material
2	Wall thickness
3	Number of fittings
4	First pipe: diameter
5	Length
6	Number of cuts
7	Number of bends
8	Number of joints
9	Second pipe: diameter
10	Length
11	Number of cuts
12	Number of bends
13	Number of joints
14	Special assembly requirements (drill, thread, crane)
15	NDT requirements
16	Treatment
17	System (SWBS)
18	System (SWBS)
19	System (SWBS)
20	Ship
21	Ship
22	Unit
23	Unit
24	Unit

source: Kolodziejczak [10]

This code has information that is useful to handling, such as material type, diameter, and length, but does not include the original length of the raw material. However, this code was considered too cumbersome, and a simpler code was proposed that did not contain length or wall thickness. In actuality, there are probably as many classification codes as there are pipe shops. The point is to utilize a code for data that can facilitate improved handling.

If a code similar to Kolodziejczak's first code were in place at a shipyard, it could be used to drive the purchasing function for pipes or shapes. The useful entries could be drawn off to generate the bill of materials and a nesting function for initial processing. In addition, identification tags or bar codes could be generated from the same information and used for material identification at the receiving station.

The Avondale report [20] describes the savings from purchase of double random lengths (DRL) of raw pipe. Double random length joints range in length from 38 to 44 feet, with the average being 42 feet. The recommendation made was to have a processing area at the point of receipt to cut the pipe into roughly 21-foot uniform lengths and allow the odd ends as waste. With detail design information available at this stage of handling, a good nesting program can designate pipe cut lengths and identify the final piece or pieces that will be produced from that pipe, eliminating much of the waste. A similar process can be used for shapes. Data from this information can be used to establish unit load numbers and sizes to facilitate the handling process.

This scenario also assumes a fully controlled process. It assumes that detailed engineering information for each pipe or shape piece is available before purchase. However, this is seldom the case as confirmed in interviews conducted for this study with shipyard pipe shop managers. More often, material, especially long lead time material, is ordered after contract award but before detail design is initiated. The best expectation is that detail information is available before receipt of material, so that identification and initial processing can be done at that time.

VI. ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENT AND STORAGE METHODS

This section describes handling equipment that may be used for movement and storage of pipe and shapes. Much of the equipment is adapted from other handling tasks. No attempt has been made to describe every possible piece of handling equipment and its use relative to this study. Only general descriptions of equipment are included without a detailed study of price, purchasing or leasing options, specific capabilities or limitations.

For more detailed information on equipment, the associations and institutes listed in the appendices, along with their members, should be contacted. An extensive list of handling equipment manufacturers and suppliers is in reference [29]. Industrial registers, such as the Thomas Register, list these and other suppliers and distributors by area.

A. MOVEMENT

Most movement of pipe and shapes involve practical applications of existing equipment. The raw materials are received in 40-60 foot lengths and have a large polar moment of inertia. Movement and swing must be controlled to keep the materials from becoming a safety hazard or causing damage. Standard types of handling equipment are described below.

INDUSTRIAL TRUCK

Industrial trucks, also called fork lifts or fork trucks, are probably the most common piece of handling equipment used in a shipyard. Fork trucks are useful for handling pallets and similar consolidated loads, but limitations arise when used for handling pipe and shapes. Various sizes and capabilities are available. A listing of manufacturers in the Industrial Truck Association (ITA) is contained in the appendix.

The main problem that industrial trucks have with handling pipe and shapes is maintaining stability. Long objects are lifted and carried across the forks and across the direction of travel of the vehicle. The materials are subject to inertial loads as the vehicle is maneuvered. Sudden stops and turns can cause the loads to swing off the forks. Consequently, handling is slowed, worker safety is at risk, and material is often damaged. However, there are add-on bailing attachments that can clamp the load to prevent this problem, as shown in Figure VI-1. This particular attachment is manufactured by CBI Clackamas in Portland, Oregon and is available through industrial truck dealers. It requires an auxiliary hydraulic port on the fork truck.

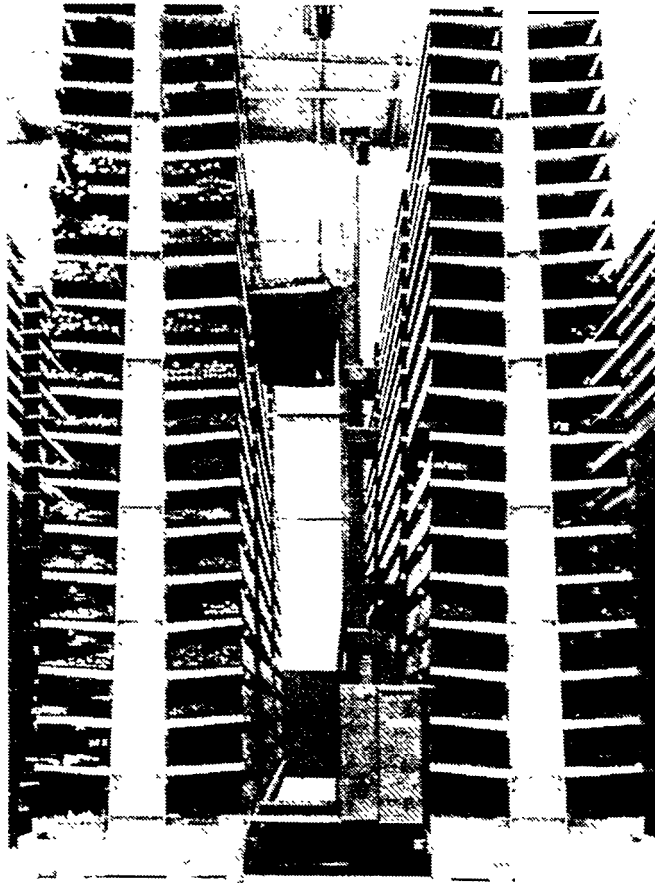


source: CBI Clackanas

Figure VI-1
PIPE BAILER CLAMP

SIDE LOADER FORK TRUCKS

A special class of fork trucks called “side loaders,” often referred to as narrow aisle lift trucks, are particularly applicable to pipe and shapes handling. The load is carried along the side of the vehicle with the long axis along the direction of travel. They are generally electric trucks used for high density inside storage as shown in Figure VI-2.



source Rack Manufacturers Institute

Figure VI-2
SIDE LOADER FORK TRUCK BETWEEN CANTILEVER RACKS

LIFTER LOADER

A lifter loader is a variation of a front end loader used for earth moving or handling equipment use in the logging industry. Its advantage over a standard fork lift is rough terrain capability and the ability for forward reach. The rough terrain ability is an advantage in open storage areas with unprepared surfaces; it is a feature not found in standard fork trucks. The lifter loader also has a stronger drive train for towing mule trains or other trailers. Most of the available lifter loaders also have bailing attachments already built into the lift arm.

STRADDLE CARRIER

A straddle carrier is a specialized truck for lifting and carrying prepared loads below the body of the machine. Thus, loose pipe and shapes can not be handled or manipulated and must be palletized by another device before this machine can handle the material.

A straddle carrier's main advantage is its ability to drive over dense ground storage with just narrow isles between material required for wheel travel, as shown in Figure VI-3. Storage space is maximized but pallet load height is limited to half the machine's underbody clearance, typically 68 inches in smaller machines and 106 inches in the largest ones. With the load carried below the body, the operator rides in a safer location. Pipe and shapes can be carried along the the direction of travel of the machine but wide loads longer than the wheelbase will limit turning radius.



Source: National Steel and Shipbuilding Company

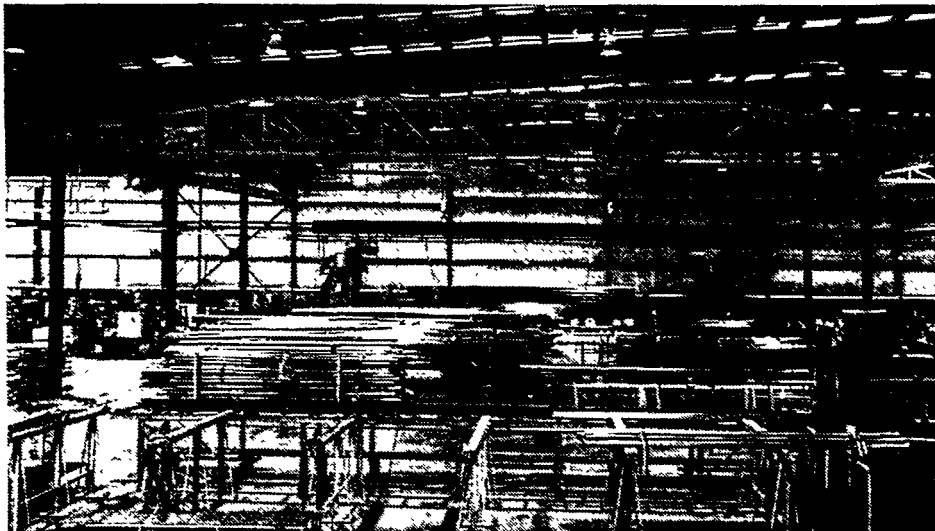
Figure VI-3
STRADDLE CARRIER

General demand has been low for straddle carriers. The last new U.S.-built machines were being produced at the end of 1990, so only used and rebuilt machines will be available.

CRANE

Cranes are one of the most common types of material handling equipment utilized in a shipyard. The four main types of cranes are bridge cranes, jib cranes, gantry cranes, and mobile cranes.

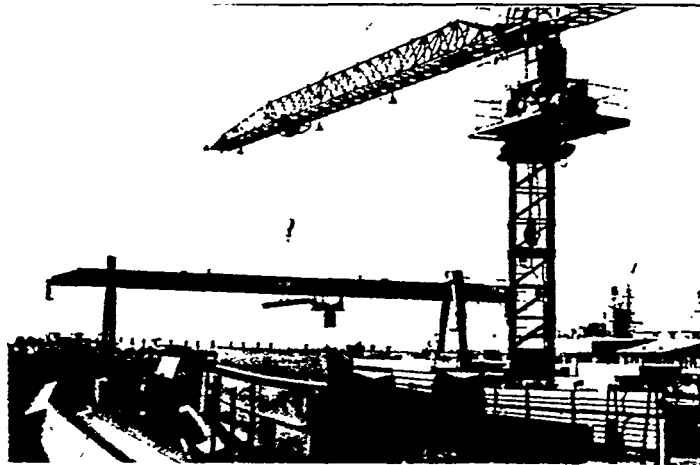
Bridge cranes are common in panel lines, pipe shops, and machine shops. These cranes may also be used in open locations. Top-running bridge cranes are supported by horizontal beams which are supported by ground mounted columns. These cranes can have capacities as high as 800 tons and have a span as high as 130 feet. A bridge crane is shown in Figure. VI-4.



source: Linden Products

Figure VI-4
BRIDGE CRANE

Gantry cranes are similar to bridge cranes, except that they are self supporting and travel in railways on the ground. The capacities and spans of gantry cranes are comparable to bridge cranes. An example of a gantry crane is shown in Figure VI-5.



source National Steel and Shipbuilding Company

Figure VI-5
GANTRY AND TOWER CRANE

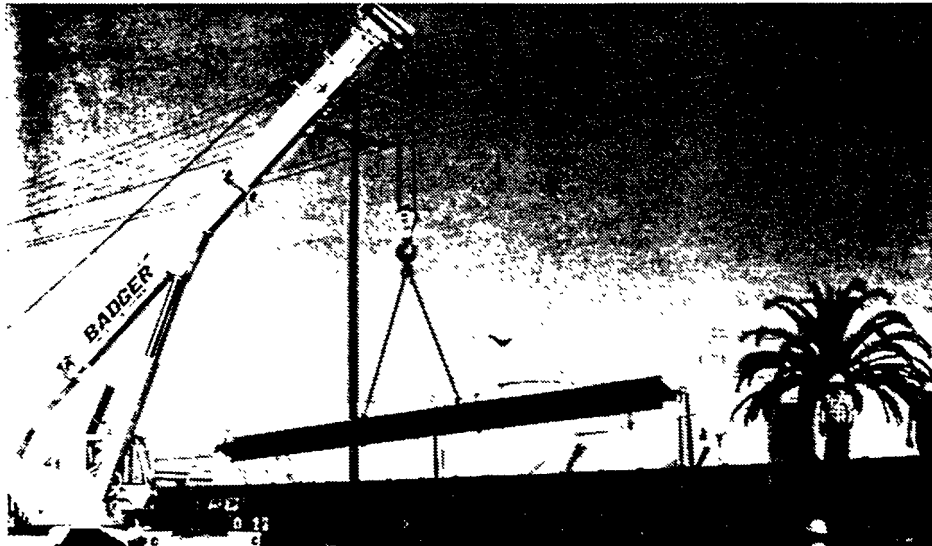
Jib cranes are self supported structures that run on railways. They typically have the ability to rotate so that they can access open work areas. The lifting capacities of these cranes is typically less than maintaining gantry and bridge cranes. Common practice is to use more than one jib crane for heavy lifts. An example of a bridge crane is shown in the background of Figure VI-6.



source National Steel and Shipbuilding Company

Figure VI-6
JIB CRANE, MULE TRAIN IN FOREGROUND

Mobile cranes come in many types and sizes. They may be low capacity wheeled vehicles, crawler-type vehicles, or floating cranes. The most common types of mobile cranes employed in a shipyard are wheeled vehicles for smaller lifts. An example of a mobile crane is shown in Figure VI-7.



source National Steel and Shipbuilding Company

Figure VI-7
MOBILE CRANE UNLOADING SHAPES WITH A CHAIN SLING

The many types of cranes used in shipyards are characterized by single hook lifting wires. The typical single hook allows long loads like pipe and shapes to rotate, to be imbalanced, and require a ground crew to attach loads. Gantry and bridge cranes are available with dual lifting cables that eliminate rotation of long loads.

The best arrangements for cranes include a dual cable and a lifting attachment to limit the involvement of riggers to attach each piece. Electromagnets are the most common attachments, but are obviously limited to steel pipe. Strength of the magnets can be varied to attach the desired number of pipes or shapes. Groups of gantry cranes with magnetic attachments on dual wires are common at pipe manufacturing facilities where large amounts of steel pipe are loaded into railroad gondola cars.

Specialized cranes are used by non-shipyard operations for high volume applications. Man-aboard stacker cranes are used for situations similar to those for narrow aisle side loader fork trucks. The advantage with these cranes is that the operator is above the load and floor space is

freed. Other variations add a rotating turret to allow more flexibility in manipulation of material.

LIFTING ATTACHMENTS

There are a number of other lifting attachments adaptable to or developed for pipe and shapes handling from cranes. Most of these devices fit the category of “under the hook lifting devices” and “overhead lifting attachments.” The Hoist Manufacturers Association and the Crane Manufacturers Association of the Materials Handling Institute should be contacted for additional information on this equipment. Many of the manufacturers publish lifting instruction and safety guides. In addition, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has a safety standard titled “Below the Hook Lifting Devices,” (ANSI/ASME B30.20-1985) covering the subject.

Some of the lifting attachments are listed in Table VI-1.

TRAILERS

Flat bed over the road trailers are the most common method for receiving pipe and shapes and are a useful piece of equipment for moving and storing the materials in the shipyard. Three types have been observed as particularly useful for pipe and shapes.

Regular flat bed trailers are readily available, and for a used trailer in suitable condition to carry loads at low speeds around a shipyard, should be relatively inexpensive. Used in conjunction with a dolly (instead of a separate tractor) and a fork lift or lifter loader capable of pulling it, the trailer becomes an efficient handling unit. A trailer with a dolly is shown in Figure VI-8

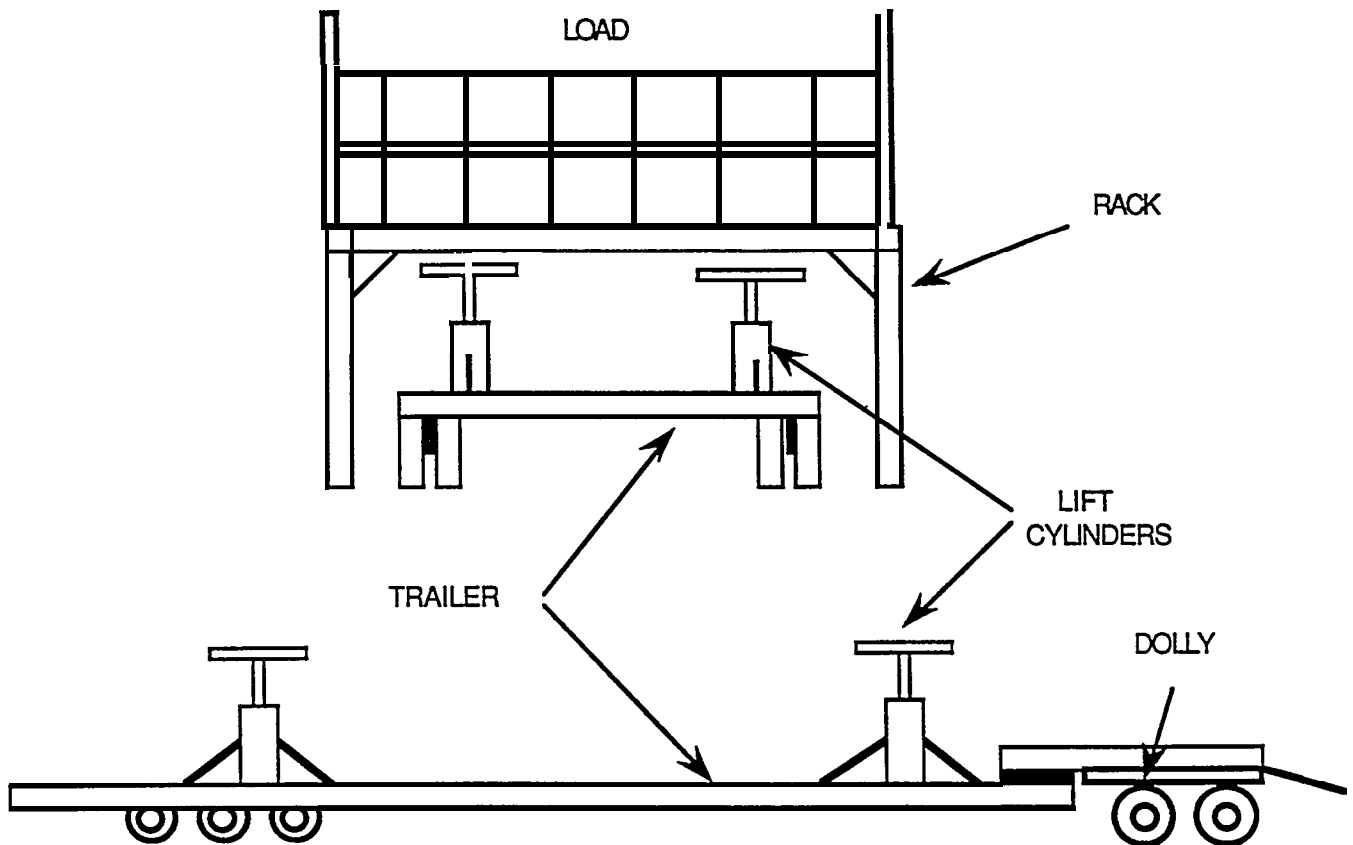
A low-boy trailer has the additional advantage of handling a greater load height, that gives a greater load carrying capacity for bulky low density materials such as larger diameter light schedule pipe. They also provide a lower platform requiring lower lift heights and giving operators a better view for material placement.

Another handling arrangement made possible with a low-boy trailer was seen at the US Steel works in South Chicago, Illinois, where wide flange I-beams are produced. The I-beams are produced in 60-foot lengths and loaded onto a pallet frame by an overhead crane. When the frame is loaded to capacity, a low-boy trailer with a hydraulic lift bed is backed under the frame, the frame is picked up and moved to a remote location.

Table VI-1
LIFTING ATTACHMENTS

1. Lifting Beams or Spreader Bars. These are common devices for spreading the lifting forces from a single hook to a double hook. Use of two wire slings to spread the load on a pipe or shape can be dangerous when the slings slide to the center of the load and cause the load to tip or sway. Adjustable spread hooks are available to level off-center loads.
2. Pallet Lifters. These devices convert a single hook crane to an overhead fork truck for lifting pallets and other items with fork type lifting openings.
3. Lifting Tongs. These are “scissor” type devices that can be used for a limited range of pipe diameters and rectangular cross section objects. The tongs must have clearance on both sides to grip the object. They can be doubled on a spreader bar to spread out the single point lift. However, standard tongs must be manually set and released.
4. Pipe Grabs. Pipe grabs are designed for specific pipe diameters. They are usually self opening, but require a manual release. As with the tongs, the grabs must have clearance on both sides to grab the object.
5. Beam Clamps. These are specialized heavy duty lifting tongs for wide flange I-beams. The weight of the clamp opens its tongs when lowered over the flange, but standard models must be manually released.
6. Slings. There are many standard types of slings such as wire rope, chain, wire mesh and nylon web with various types of hooks and links for attaching them to the crane hook. An interesting option to add to a wire rope sling for pipe and shapes handling is the Adjust-A-Leg® load leveling sling from the Caldwell Co., Rockford, IL. This attachment changes the lift center to match the load center of gravity.
7. Motorized Hooks. Motorized hook devices are available to control hook rotation and eliminate the need for riggers to tend the swing of long loads, a relatively unsafe practice.

source: Study Team



source: Study Team

Figure VI-8
LIFT TRAILER

In this case, the movement is about three miles to a processing facility. The basics of the arrangement are shown in Figure VI-8.

The other type of trailer arrangement useful for material handling in general and adaptable to pipe and shapes is referred to as a "mule train." A mule train is a combination of a fork truck or a lifter loader as the "mule," and a train of small trailers, usually handling palletized cargo. A mule train in use at NASSCO is shown in the foreground of Figure VI-6. This arrangement is suited to handling a variety of palletized material from one or many locations to a number of locations. Efficient utilization for pipe handling would be to retrieve a number of palletized outfit packages from a storage location and deliver them to various work stations where outfit work is being done.

The mule train arrangement is not well suited to raw material handling, where a standard long flat bed is more appropriate. In addition, the towing capacity of the mule may limit the total capacity of the train. The drive trains of most fork trucks and lifter loaders are rated to move the machine and its rated load. The maximum towing capacity should not be exceeded with the combined load on a mule train. Use of a fork truck larger than that necessary to load the trailers is one way to circumvent this problem. Another is to modify the mule with a stronger axle and brakes for towing.

CONVEYERS

Conveyers were investigated for this study but were not seen in use as a raw material handling device. Conveyers are used for intermediate and in-process handling for limited travel distances in shops. Nevertheless, use of conveyers for limited distance pipe and shapes raw material handling is conceivable, especially where space next to a shop for temporary storage is limited.

There are three types of conveyers applicable to pipe and shapes handling. Roller conveyers are the most common and are available tapered or flat, powered or free rolling. Tapered conveyers are best for handling pipe. They are tapered to the center to keep pipe from rolling off and can handle a range of diameters. Straight rollers can handle both materials, but require side rails to keep them in line. The number and spacing of free and powered rollers depends on the length of material being handled. For 20 foot and longer items, roller spacing could be 5 feet with powered rollers alternated with free rollers. Conveyers should use the gravity principle of material handling if the system can be arranged to take advantage of a slope. This would limit the number of powered rollers required and reduce the cost.

Overhead monorails with either continuous chain drives or self-powered hooks are considered conveyers but are more applicable to delivery of parts to work stations inside the shops than they are to movement of raw materials as cumbersome as pipe and shapes. The other handling device considered a conveyor is a floor mounted, tracked system for moving work containers, usually with a chain. Again, this is mostly a shop handling system not applicable to raw materials.

B. STORAGE

Efficient storage of pipe and shapes is dependent on several variables. Basic considerations for design of efficient storage systems are listed below:

- 1. maximum use of the building or facility "cube";*
- 2. effective use of time, labor and equipment;*
- 3. ready accessibility of all items;*
- 4. rapid easy movement of materials;*
- 5. positive item identification;*
- 6. protection of materials from damage and unauthorized appropriation; and*
- 7. neat and orderly appearance;*

Each of these guidelines should be reviewed when analyzing storage arrangements.

The ideal method of minimizing storage costs is to eliminate as much storage as possible. Eastman [6] states: "The ideal storage (system) is (to have) none at all". Just-in-time (JIT) delivery of material would eliminate most of gross raw material storage requirements. However, the economics of large and economic order quantities, and the need to level load the production shops for effective use of production labor, outweigh the advantages of JIT delivery.

The most common storage system for the raw materials pipe and shapes are cantilever racks, specialized pallets, and open stacks.

CANTILEVER RACKS

Most cantilever racks in shipyards are fixed units constructed of scrap angle iron and pipe. These are inexpensive units, but are not as flexible and efficient as adjustable manufactured units. An optimized double-sided rack is shown in Figure VI-2 with a narrow-isle fork truck. These rack arms are inclined toward the center to keep stock from rolling out. The arms are also adjustable vertically along the supports to make maximum use of the space between the arms. The adjustable feature allows the storage system to change with changing storage needs.

Typically, 4-inch diameter pipe is the largest size normally stored inside on cantilever racks. The racks are generally arranged to accommodate narrow-isle fork trucks. Similar-sized structural items are also stored on racks inside. Larger-dimension items are stored in vertical

stacks for handling by overhead cranes, or outside on bunks. The height of the racks is usually 24 feet to take advantage of the maximum lift height of standard narrow-isle trucks.

Single-sided cantilever racks are used inside along building sides and along roadways and building sides outside. The underlying support structure is stronger to hold the unbalanced load, but space utilization is enhanced where otherwise wasted.

Large volume commodity distributors use double-sided cantilever racks up to 50 feet high. The racks also serve as the building structure. Specialized storage and retrieval (SR) systems, many of them automated storage and retrieval systems (AS/RS), ride on rails in the floor, or rails and tracks in the overhead of the building for stability at greater heights. However, these systems are relatively expensive and not appropriate for shipyards with intermittent material flows.

PALLETS

Specialized pallets have been developed for pipe and shapes raw material handling. Standard 4-foot by 4-foot pallets are not applicable. One such pallet seen at the USS/Kobe Steel Company Tubular Products plant in Lorain, Ohio, is called a “bolster” and shown in Figure VI-9. The bolsters are made from scrap pipe with tapered side supports. The width is designed for handling by straddle carriers. Each bolster is numbered to help track inventory.



source: USS/Kobe Steel Company

Figure VI-9
PIPE BOLSTERS

Similar pallets are in use at shipyards. Many of these have lifting eyes, either in the top of the vertical supports or in the base, for wire sling attachment. The vertical supports are arranged so that the pallets can be stacked. NASSCO has some large pallet baskets (Figure VI-10) that are used mainly for finished pipe spools and are handled by fork trucks. The shipyard pallets are mostly in-house designs, built both in the yards and at outside steel fabrication shops.



source: National Steel and Shipbuilding Company

Figure VI-10
PALLET BASKETS

STACKS

An orderly, stacked arrangement of material is generally referred to as a stack or a “bunk.” This is a commonly used method for outside storage where land is inexpensive and handling speed is not critical. Handling equipment must be flexible and designed for rough terrain as outside storage areas are usually unpaved. Bunks are often used for larger-dimension pipe and shapes where use of racks becomes inefficient. Access to material is on the order of “last in, first out” so each stack should contain only one type of material to avoid unstacking and restacking for access to an item on the bottom.

Structural items are more conducive to stacks than pipe. They will not roll, are not as sensitive to uneven ground, and provide riggers with better hand and foot holds to climb the stack to attach slings and grabs. The need for riggers to climb the stack to attach lifting devices is a safety problem that should limit high stacks unless hands-off handling equipment is used.

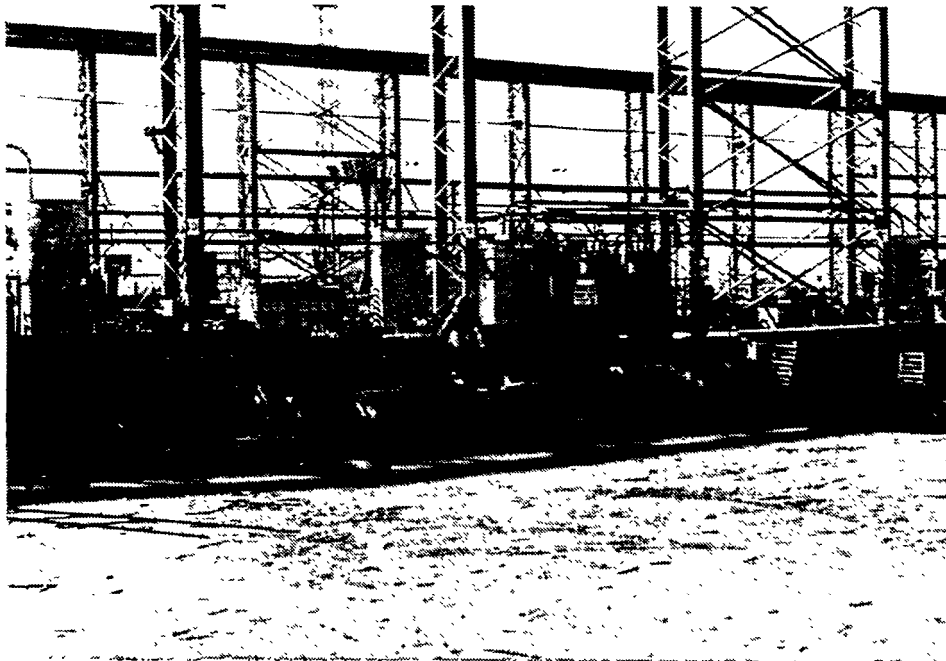
Wide-flange I-beams are the easiest structures to stack because they are self supporting. One such stack arrangement is shown on the right side of Figure VI-11. This stack limits lifting devices to grabs, magnets or to a fork truck lifting the whole stack. An evenly spread out stack may take more space but allows lifting by a number of devices and is more stable for a larger number of items.



source National Steel and Shipbuilding Company

Figure VI-1 1
I-BEAM STACK

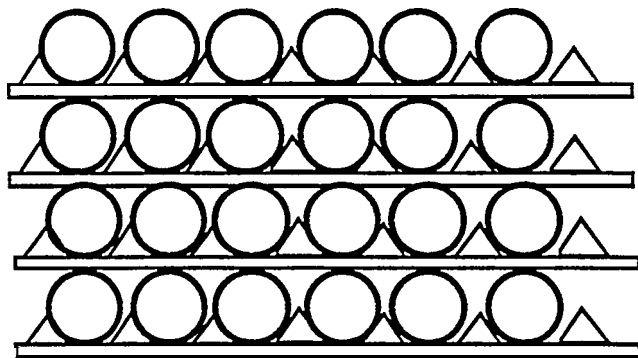
Pipe is more difficult to handle in a stack because it can roll if the stack is not level. It is also difficult to use many lifting devices with the pipe stacked closely together. The rolling problem can be solved by the use of simple “clips” seen in use at La Barge Pipe and Tube, St. Louis, Missouri, and shown in Figure VI-12. The clips are made from steel angle with drilled edges and approximately one eighth the pipe diameter. The sharp edges dig into the wood blocking to prevent the clip from slipping.



source: La Barge Pipe and Tube

Figure VI-12
PIPE STACK ANTI ROLL CLIPS

The need to separate pipe within a stack depends on the type of handling equipment being used. If slings or pipe grabs are being used, blocking should be used between rows and between each pipe as shown in Figure VI-13a. Otherwise the pipe must be manually manipulated for sling access, exposing riggers to unnecessary hazards. However, if a single-boom or end-grabs are used, pipe can be stacked very tightly as shown in Figure VI-13b. Fork lifts with bailers or lifter loaders require the rows to be separated, but the pipe in each row can be manipulated without blocking between the pipe. A fork truck is shown handling pipe from such a stack with a bailer in Figure VI-1.



source: Study Team

Figure 13a
BLOCKED PIPE STACK

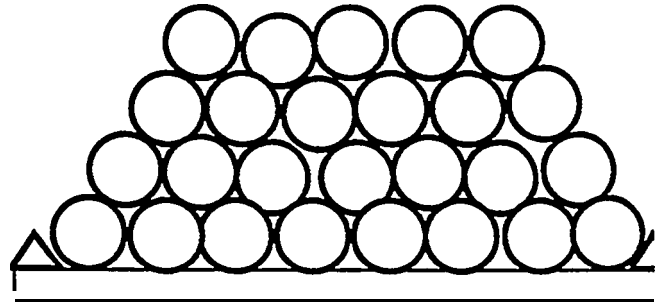


Figure 13b
TIGHT PIPE STACK

BUILDINGS

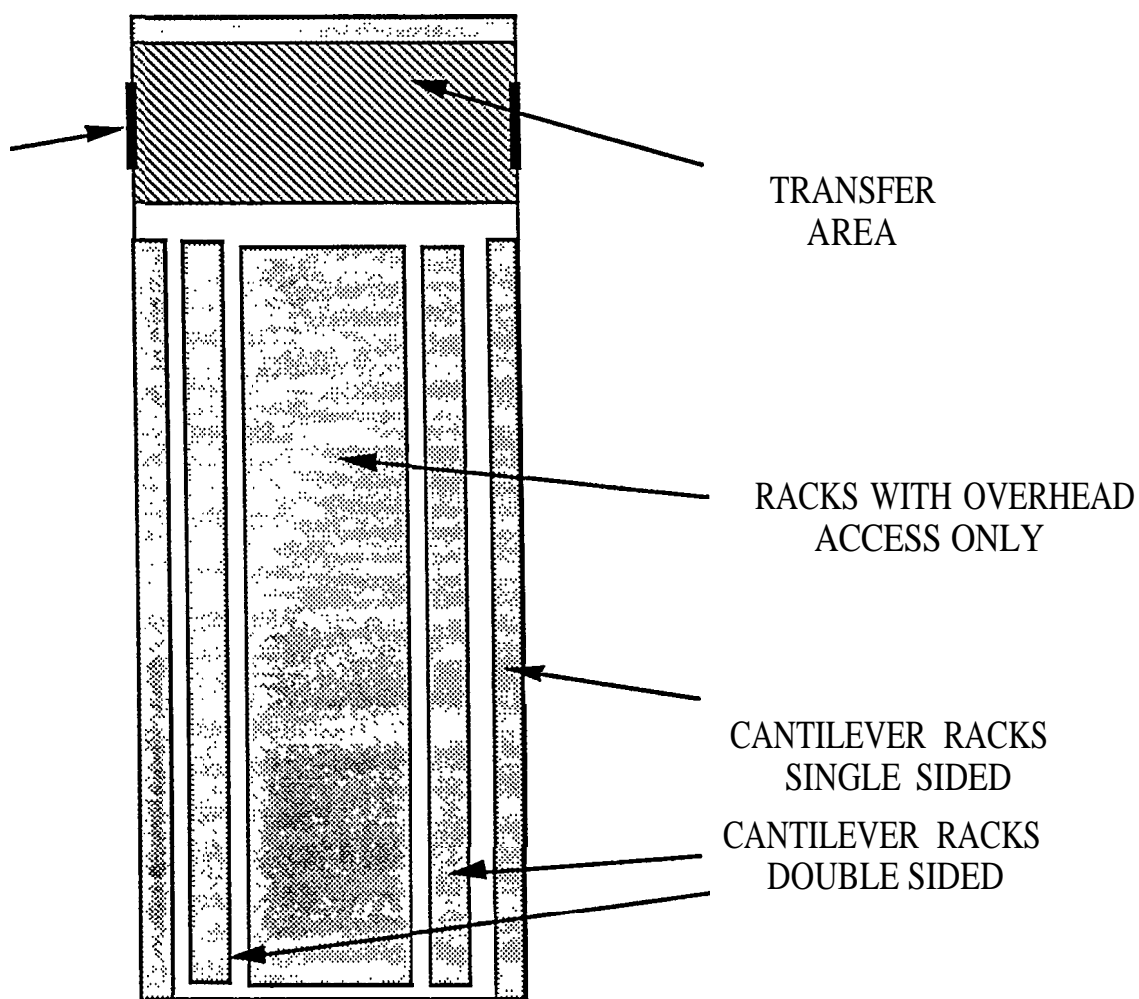
The storage devices and arrangements described above can be used both inside and outside. There are many factors that should be considered when deciding to invest in an enclosed storage building. A well designed inside storage will result in cost savings in each area. They are:

- 1. physical protection from weather,*
- 2. access in adverse weather,*
- 3. availability of open land,*
- 4. protection from damage,*
- 5. protection from misuse or pilferage,*
- 6. efficiency of storage and retrieval,*
- 7. location of material, and*
- 8. inventory control.*

The weather in southern California has little effect on access to outside material, whereas in Maine outside materials must be dug out of the snow, and then handled in freezing conditions. Land costs vary around the country, from about \$800,000/acre for prime deep water access areas to \$10,000.00/acre in developed industrial areas, and can force a decision on using or acquiring large areas for outside storage or consolidating storage into a building.

It is difficult to quantify handling cost savings from any one of these consideration. However, the consensus of managers interviewed for this study, and recommendations from the literature is that if one or two of the general conditions above are critical, the overall systems savings will result in a relatively short payback for the capital investment.

A floor plan of a storage building arrangement is shown in Figure VI-14. This is the same arrangement seen in use at a tube distributor that wished to remain unidentified but was considered by other distributors as having the best system. Large-diameter products are stored in single column vertical stacks for movement by an overhead crane. Another area is a high cubic capacity rack for access by side loader fork truck. A transfer area is provided for unloading and loading tractor trailers.



source: Study Team

Figure VI-14
STORAGE BUILDING

A composite of a generic storage building, including the bridge crane, was developed by UNITEC Construction Services of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and is included in Appendix C. It is considered representative of a typical storage structure. The costs included in the estimate include side wall structure sufficient to support the crane.

VII. MATERIAL HANDLING SYSTEM DESIGN

Before an engineering team can design a new material handling system or improve on an existing design, the team must first define the problem and its objectives. Problem definition for handling system design follows the same format as that used in Section II of this report. Following these definitions, data must be collected on the system of interest and all constraints must be identified. Once this information has been obtained a preliminary analysis can be performed.

DATA COLLECTION

During this phase of the design, the team must gather all the data and information required to understand the problems with the existing system. By obtaining this information, it is the designers goal to be able to conduct a quantitative analysis from which areas for improvement will be able to be identified. Data that of interest to the designers is listed in Table VII-1.

TABLE VII-1
DESIGN DATA

- 1. Material Characteristics:** The characteristics that are usually of interest are the weight, size, shape, and material. Moreover, any precautions that must be taken to avoid damage and accidents are also of interest. An example would be the movement of copper nickel pipe.
- 2. Space Available:** The amount of space available will affect decisions relative to storage and movement methods.
- 3. Building Characteristics:** If a building is utilized anywhere in the system, the designer should be concerned with at least the locations of utilities, columns, obstructions, and openings.
- 4. Flow Requirements:** Flow requirements refers to the amount of pipe and shapes, in this case, that must be put through the system. This information will affect the required capacity of the various movement methods.

source: Study Team

During the data collection phase of the project, the facility layout should be generated. This layout will be useful for determining flow process relationships between various geographic areas of the shipyard. Explanation of these ideas is best illustrated through an example. The example introduced in this section will be analyzed in detail in the case study section of the Appendix.

In Figure VII-1, the general layout of the sample shipyard is shown. This layout will be used as a tool to map the flow paths of both pipe and shapes. Once these flow paths are established, as shown in Figures VII-2 and VII-3, a more detailed analysis of these operations can be initiated. Concepts related to the analysis of the flow path information will be discussed in subsequent sections.

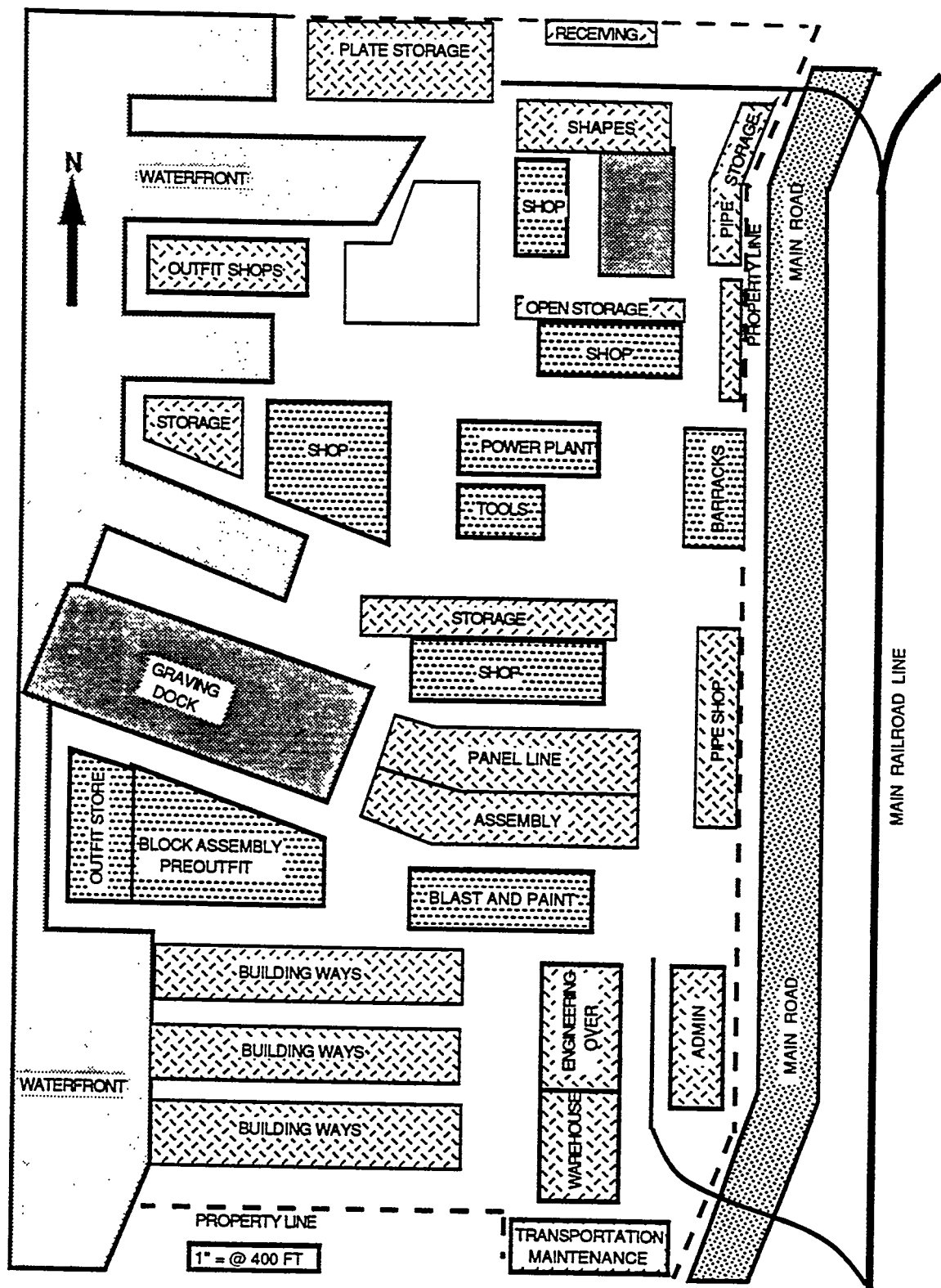
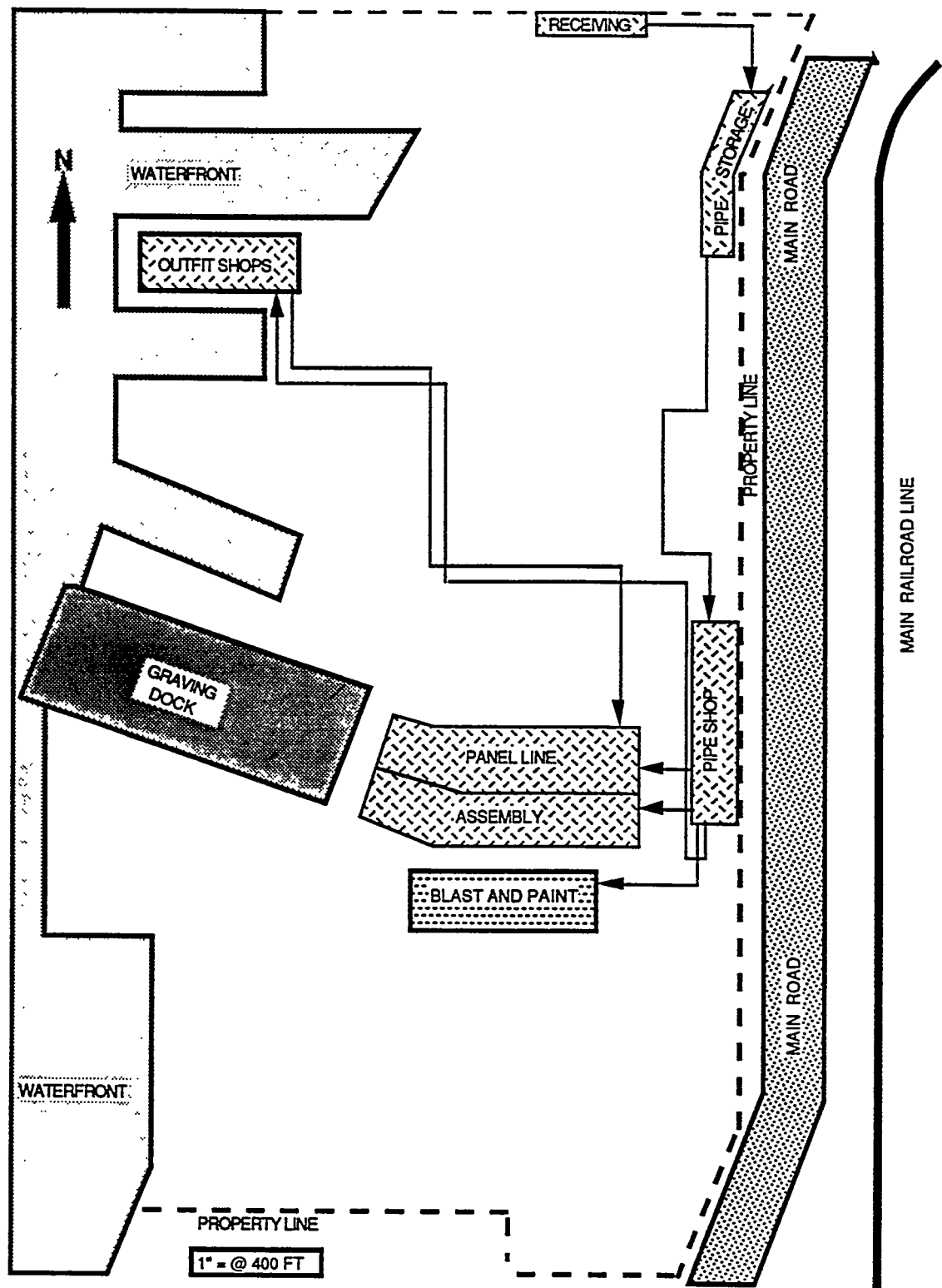
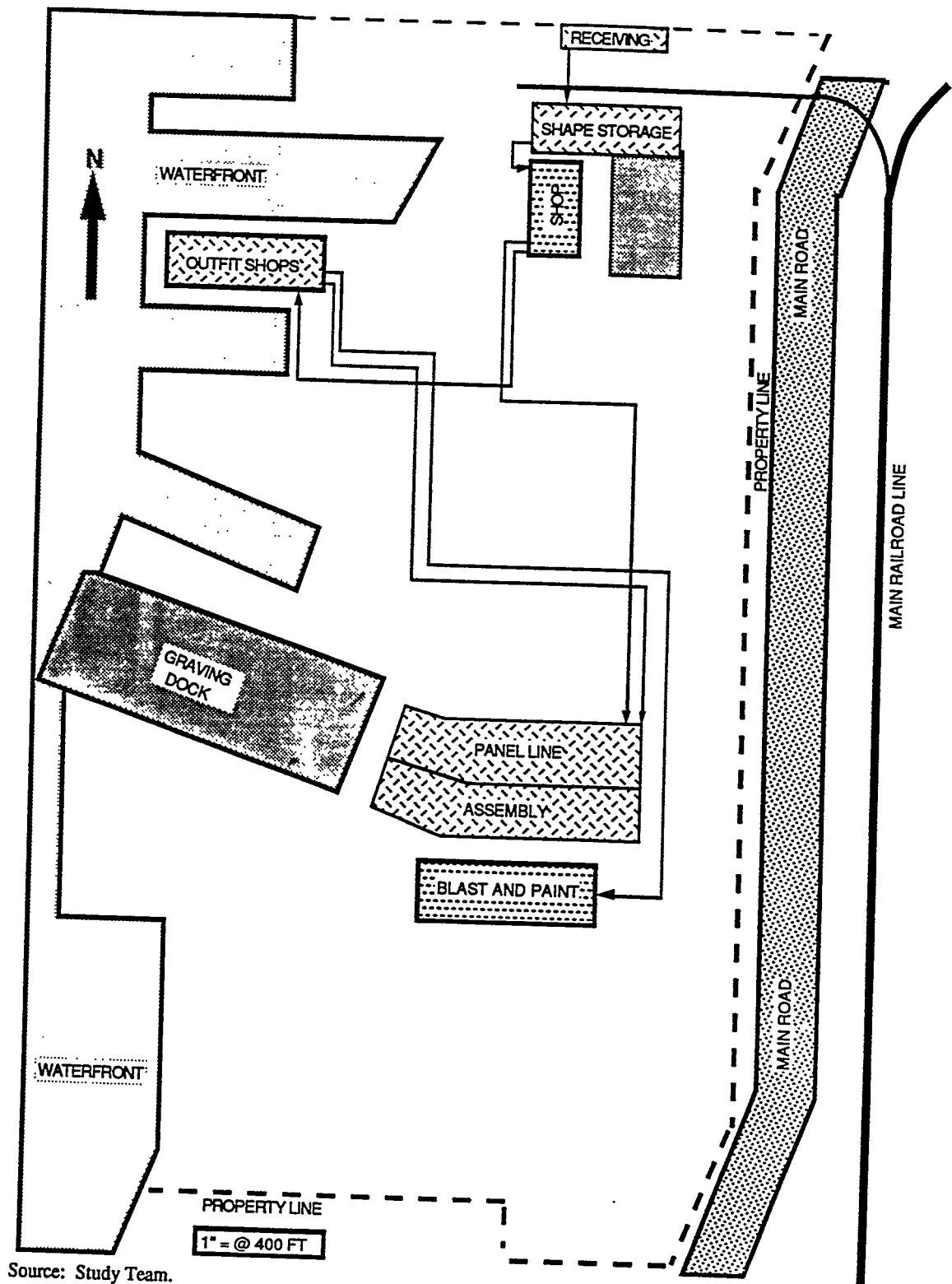


Figure VII-1
SAMPLE SHIPYARD LAYOUT



Source: Study Team.

Figure VII-2
SAMPLE SHIPYARD: PIPE FLOW PATHS



Source: Study Team.

Figure VII-3
SAMPLE SHIPYARD: SHAPE FLOW PATHS

CONSTRAINTS

An important requirement prior to design is that all the constraints that will be imposed on the system be determined. The major constraints of concern are listed in Table VII-2.

TABLE VII-2
CONSTRAINTS

1. Managerial: Typically, the managerial constraints associated with a shipyard material handling process would be a financial budget and an “on-stream” deadline.
2. Work Force Characteristics: Worker characteristics that could be considered constraints are motivation levels, skill levels, and union discrepancies.
3. Material: Potential material constraints are the weight, size and shapes of the various items. Moreover, the volume of material the system is going to handle can also be a constraint.
4. Space Available: The amount of space available could limit the choices relative to the type of storage and the movement methods utilized.
5. Building Characteristics: The building characteristics that could typically be constraints are the locations of utilities, columns, obstructions, and openings.
6. Equipment Characteristics: The equipment characteristics that could be constraints are the costs, capabilities, and emissions.

source: Study Team

PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS

A useful initial analysis would be to implement a productivity study based on various ratios of outputs to inputs. There are presently no general numerical standards for any given ratio. These productivity ratios are primarily utilized for monitoring a system over some time period. As a result, the productivity analysis will be an on-going study that will have the capabilities to determine trends and to indicate when there is a need for corrective action. Some ratios that are typically utilized for this purpose are summarized in Table VII-3 and explained below.

TABLE VII-3
MATERIAL HANDLING ANALYSIS RATIOS

1. Material Handling Labor (MHL) Ratio:
$\text{MHL} = \frac{\text{Personnel Assigned to MH Duties}}{\text{Total Operating Personnel}}$
2. Handling Equipment Utilization (HEU) Ratio:
$\text{HEU} = \frac{\text{Items Moved Per Hour}}{\text{Theoretical Capacity}}$
3. Storage Space Utilization (SSU) Ratio:
$\text{SSU} = \frac{\text{Storage Space Occupied}}{\text{Total Available Storage Space}}$
4. Aisle Space Percentage (ASP) Ratio:
$\text{ASP} = \frac{\text{Space Occupied By Aisles}}{\text{Total Space}}$
5. Movement/Operation (MO) Ratio:
$\text{MO} = \frac{\text{Number of Moves}}{\text{Number of Productive Operations}}$
6. Damaged Load (DL) Ratio:
$\text{DL} = \frac{\text{Number of Damaged Loads}}{\text{Total Number of Loads}}$

source: Material Handling Institute, Inc. [12].

The Material Handling Labor ratio represents the number of personnel assigned to material handling duties in proportion to the entire work force. It can be determined on the basis of head count or payroll costs. Some support activities (maintenance, tool room, production control) are not devoted full time to material handling. An estimate of the percentage of the time spent on handling should be used for these areas.

A variation of this ratio, called the direct labor material handling ratio, can be used to measure the percentage of the direct labor that is spent on material handling. The required data can be obtained from work sampling or other analysis techniques.

The way the Handling Equipment Utilization (HEU) Ratio is determined will vary from one facility to the next. Therefore it is meaningful only if used to make relative comparisons, over a period of time, within a given operation. To use this ratio properly, one must first decide what is meant by theoretical capacity - or full utilization. For example, some engineers consider a piece of equipment fully utilized only when it is carrying a full load. On the other hand, others feel it is properly utilized when empty, but heading toward a loading station.

The Storage Space Utilization (SSU) Ratio is applied most frequently in warehousing and other storage operations. Cubic space should be measured rather than floor area. In collecting the data, keep track of the percentage of bin and rack openings that are empty. Of the ones that are occupied, note whether they are fully or partially utilized, and if practical, try to estimate the percentage of utilization.

The Aisle Space Percentage (ASP) Ratio is important to analyze because all space is becoming extremely costly in both warehousing and manufacturing. Aisles and traffic patterns should be laid out carefully in order to use available space most productively. The calculation should be based on cubic feet of total space. A low ASP figure maybe as bad as one that is too high. A reasonable number of both traffic and access aisles must be provided to maintain desirable levels of throughput and productivity.

The Movement/Operation (MO) Ratio reflects the overall efficiency of material handling operations in the plant. It can indicate the number of handling and re-handling steps that are involved in receiving, storage, manufacturing and other departments. Typically, a high ratio will indicate an improvement opportunity, in the form of fewer handling steps, simplified operations, or use of mechanized equipment.

The Damaged Load Ratio (DL) indicates how effectively and properly crews are handling incoming and outgoing goods, and in-process materials. A program of sampling should be established to generate damage data.

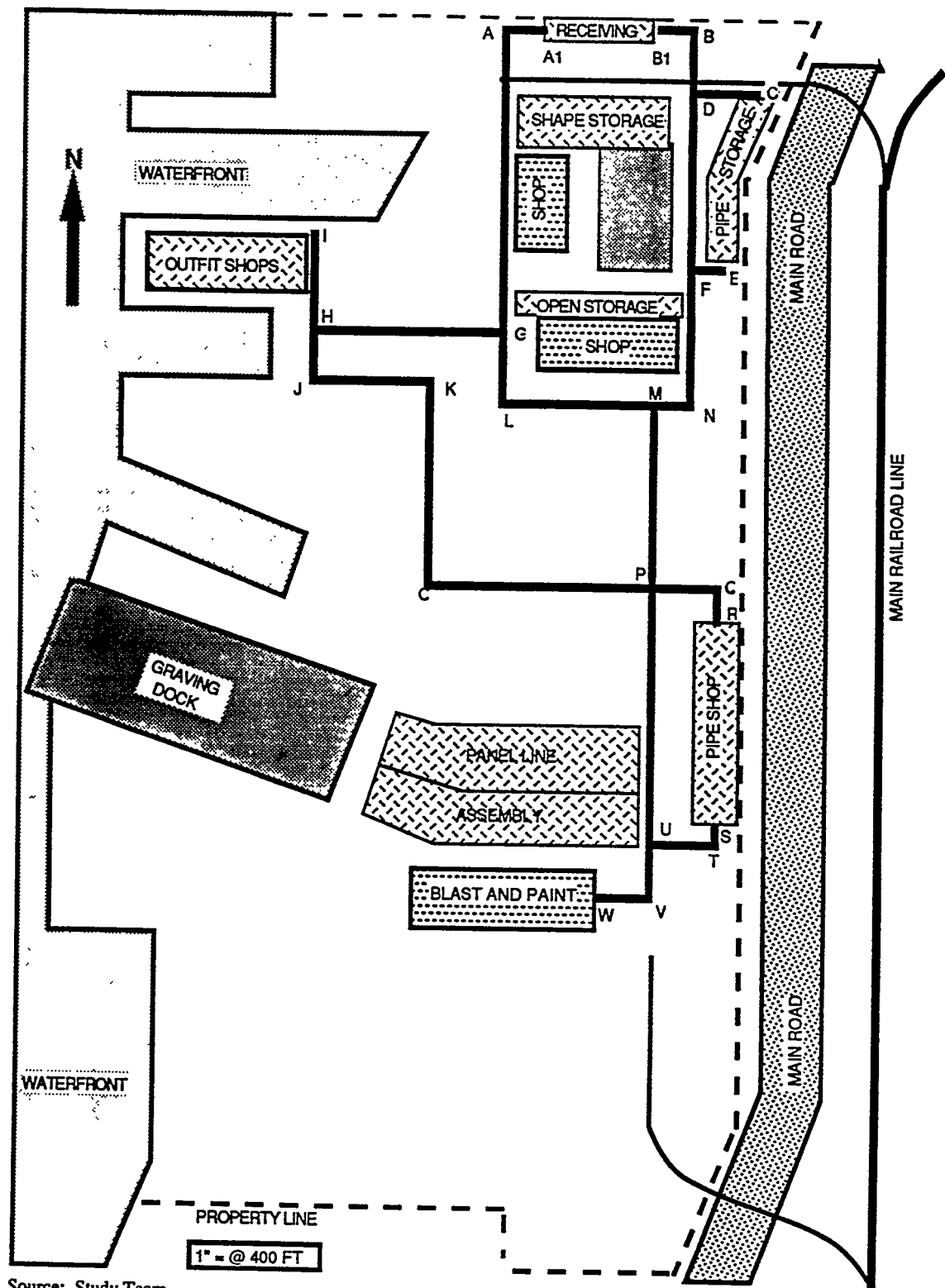
In the preliminary analysis of the pipe and shapes movement process, the transportation routes and the lengths of these routes were determined. A layout of these routes is shown in Figure VII-4. Table VII-6 shows the lengths of these various routes.

Table VII-6
TRANSPORTATION ROUTES

ROUTE	DISTANCE (~;)	ROUTE	DISTANCE (FT)
AI-A		B-D	200
B1-B	100	D-C	200
A G	1000	K-O	600
G-L	200	M-P	600
G-H	600	O-P	700
I-H	500	P-Q	200
J-K	400	Q-R	100
L-M	500	P-U	800
M-N	100	S-T	100
E-F	1 0 0	T-U	200
N-F	400	U-V	200
D-F	600	W-V	200

source: Study Team.

Other tools that are useful for monitoring a material handling process are “From-To” charts and “Flow Process” charts [18]. Example of these charts are shown in Figures VI-5 and VI-6. The “Flow Process” chart is useful for tabulating the steps and moves in a given process. The information given in this chart will aid the designer in determining when corrective action may be needed. The “From-To” chart is used to determine the number of trips per day made between various locations in the shipyard. The information shown below the diagonal, indicates the number of "backtracking" trips were made between the two locations. This backtracking may considered an inefficiency. Detailed examples utilizing these charts are given in the case study.



Source: Study Team.

Figure VII-4
SAMPLE SHIPYARD: TRANSPORTATION ROUTES

Summary							JOB:		Question Each Detail		Analyst When? When? Why? Why? Where? How?	
PRESENT		PROPOSED		DIFFERENCE								
NO.	TIME	NO.	TIME	NO.	TIME							
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<input type="radio"/> DELAYS						Charted By:						
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Distance Traveled		ft.		ft.		ft.						

DETAILS OF (PRESENT/PROPOSED) METHOD	OPERATION	TRANSPORT	INSPECTION	DELAY	STORAGE	DISTANCE (FT)	QUANTITY	TIME	EQUIPMENT	COASTING	SEQUENCING	PERSON	DAMAGE	SAFETY	SAVED?	NOTES
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source: Study Team.

Figure VII-5
FLOW PROCESS CHARTS

To From	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
A											
B											
C											
D											
E											
F											
G											
H											
I											
J											
K											

source: Kulweic [12]

Figure VII-7
FROM-TO CHART

DESIGN SELECTION

The preparation phase of the material handling design process will lay the foundation for a successful continuation of the project. This phase consists of a review of all resources, time schedules, and organizational constraints that will affect the design process.

During this stage, various design concept alternatives must be selected. The purpose of this phase is to begin to identify the “general” characteristics of the material handling systems options that will be considered. Eastman [6] recommends that between three and five alternatives be chosen. More than five alternatives delays the design process and wastes time and money that could be more effectively spent in other areas.

In the case of pipe and shapes, decisions made at this level of design could be to utilize fork lifts, straddle carriers, and gantry cranes as the primary movement mechanisms in the handling system. Also, cantilever racks and stacked bunks could be the primary storage techniques. Moreover, rotating stackers and racks could be utilized for staging for processing. Detailed characteristics relative to the various types of machinery being considered will be specified in subsequent design stages.

The “best” alternative is the alternative that is most effective in meeting the objectives set forth by the problem statement within the constraints that are imposed. At this stage the designers should verify that the option that has been selected is attempting to solve the problem and meet the system objectives.

An economic analysis must be performed on the chosen alternative. The objective of this analysis is to utilize engineering economic analysis techniques to evaluate the material handling alternatives available to the shipyard. The four primary analysis tools, discussed in the case study, are the:

1. *Labor Cost Analysis,*
2. *After Tax Rate of Return Analysis (ROR),*
3. *Payback Analysis, and the*
4. *Equivalent Uniform Annual Cost Analysis (EUAC)*

The block design phase is performed next and requires that the designers specify some of the details of the major system components. These details could include the capacity of the rotating stackers, the span of the gantry cranes, the length of the conveyor sections in the pipe shop, or the capacity of the straddle carriers and fork lifts.

After the above details have been specified, the designers can begin to sketch the various systems on the general layout of the shipyard. During this exercise, the design team identifies areas where the proposed system does not fit or areas where there are system interferences.

The detailed design phase follows and requires the design team to specify and dimension all components necessary to implement the system. The end result of this design phase is a system design ready to be implemented through the purchase and installation of equipment, components, parts, and materials.

Throughout the design process the design team should be in constant contact with all the departments affected by the material handling system. The reasons for this communication suggested by Eastman [6] are:

- 1. Final acceptance and successful implementation of the new materials handling system are highly dependent on the attitudes of those operating the system and of those whose work depends on it.*
- 2. Those affected may have special requirements that need to be incorporated. Conversely, they may know pitfalls that must be avoided.*
- 3. Others may have very good suggestions concerning the system.*
- 4. Some persons may be in a position to influence management's decision on all or part of the system. It is a discouraging waste of time to have a proposed design turned down or materially modified because of objections of operating personnel, particularly if these objections could have been avoided by earlier discussions.*

VIII. CASE STUDY

The management of a shipyard determined that the handling and storage system for pipe and shapes was in need of reorganization. Tools used for their analysis were:

1. *Flow Process Charts,*
2. *From - To Charts, and*
3. *Shipyard Layout Charts.*

For simplicity, detailed examples utilizing these charts have been omitted. However, information obtained from these charts is used to generate the labor cost analysis show in Table VIII-1.

In the system design section, several system performance indices were presented. As discussed in that section, the primary use of these indices is to continuously monitor a system once in operation. Thus, in this case study, no attempt will be made to estimate the time history of the numerical values of these ratios. The primary objective of this case study is to perform an engineering economic analysis on various material handling system alternatives.

The material receiving area at the north end of the yard (yard layout was shown in Figure VII-I) was adequate for unloading trucks and rail cars. Standard fork trucks and portable cranes were utilized during the unloading process. However, the operators of this machinery, from the transportation department, were not familiar with handling these types of materials. Thus, the unloading time appeared to be inefficient. The problems encountered were:

1. *unsecured loads on forks required slow handling movements” and occasionally resulted in dropped loads;*
2. *use of cranes required two riggers to the handle loads;*
3. *the least expensive way to receive large orders of steel pipe and shapes was by gondola rail car but unloading expenses were high; and*
4. *fork trucks were unable to access the entire load from one side since they did not have enough “reach.” Thus, these fork trucks required access to both sides of the load.*

Solutions considered were to:

- 1. provide a bailer to clamp loads on fork trucks to stabilize loads; and*
- 2. purchase a lifter/loader capable of unloading rail cars (without extra riggers) from one side.*

As trucks were unloaded, the material was placed in an area next to the receiving office, checked and entered into inventory. Then the interim, long term (before processing) storage area was identified and transportation was arranged to transport the material to this site. The problems with this process were:

- 1. material was handled twice and re-transported; and*
- 2. material was inventoried twice.*

Solutions considered were:

- 1. redesign the long term storage area to receive material directly from the shipper; and*
- 2. use the lifter/loader for both unloading and transporting.*

Present outside storage capacity consisted of welded cantilever racks, built by the yard, and bunked areas on the ground. As storage needs increased, various areas of the shipyard were utilized for storage. Thus, the increase in storage sites caused the storage, retrieval, and transportation processes to become cumbersome.

COST ANALYSIS

The objective of this cost analysis is to utilize engineering economic analysis techniques to evaluate the material handling alternatives available

to the shipyard in this case study. In this case study, the existing system and two alternatives are evaluated. The four primary analysis tools used in the analysis were:

1. *Labor Cost Analysis.*
2. *After Tax Rate of Return Analysis (ROR).*
3. *Payback Analysis.*
4. *Equivalent Uniform Annual Cost Analysis (EUAC).*

All of these analyses were performed with Microsoft Excel® for the Apple Macintosh®.

LABOR COST ANALYSIS

One of the primary requirements of each of the analysis techniques, discussed above, is to quantify the operating expenditures of each of the alternatives. The operating expenditures of concern in this case study are labor and equipment costs. Table VIII-1 shows the number of manhours and associated cost of the pipe and shapes handling system processing a rail car load of material.

The labor cost analysis of the existing system, shown in Table VIII-1, can be generated with the aid of flow process charts, from-to charts, and distance tables, all of which are explained in Section VII of this report.

In Table VIII-1, task descriptions 1, 2 and 3 all occur simultaneously. In the existing system, it takes four individuals three hours to unload a rail car. These four individuals are two laborers, one supervisor, and one equipment operator. In addition to this unloading crew, one laborer is required for classification and one equipment operator (fork lift) is required for movement of the material to temporary storage. The material is then moved to normal storage by one equipment operator (flat bed trailer with dolly and fork lift). The material, once at the normal storage site, will then be unloaded by another equipment operator (fork lift). The material is stored in open bunks. The retrieval of this material is performed by one equipment operator (fork lift). This retrieval operation, task description #6 in Table VIII-1, has been observed to take twice as long as the unloading process, task description #5 in Table VIII-1, since the pipe and shapes are typically retrieved individually, but are unloaded in greater quantities. Movement to the shop will be performed by one equipment operator (flat bed trailer with dolly). Once at the shop site, the material is unloaded by another equipment operator (fork lift).

Table VIII-1
LABOR COST ANALYSIS, EXISTING SYSTEM

Existing System					
NOTE: All time estimates are per rail car load.					
Task Description	Personnel Description	No. of Personnel	Manhours Per Worker	\$/Manhour	Labor Cost
1.Unloading	Labor	2	3.00	\$10.00	\$60.00
	Supervisor	1	3.00	\$20.00	\$60.00
	Equipment Op.	1	3.00	\$20.00	\$60.00
2.Classification	Labor	1	3.00	\$15.00	\$45.00
3.Temporary Storage	Equipment Op.	1	3.00	\$18.00	\$54.00
4.Move to Storage	Equipment Op.	1	8.00	\$18.00	\$144.00
5.Unload	Equipment Op.	1	4.00	\$18.00	\$72.00
6.Retrieve (Load)	Equipment Op.	1	8.00	\$18.00	\$144.00
7.Move to Shop	Equipment Op.	1	8.00	\$18.00	\$144.00
8.Unload	Equipment Op.	1	4.00	\$18.00	\$72.00
9.Stage for Processing	Receiving	1	8.00	\$20.00	\$160.00
	Equipment Op.	1	8.00	\$18.00	\$144.00
10.Move into Shop	Equipment Op.	1	8.00	\$18.00	\$144.00
TOTALS:					
Manhours	74.00				
Labor Cost	\$1,303.00				

source: Study team

The material is then moved by two shop workers into storage (staging) racks outside the shop. Finally, the material is then sorted and moved into the shop to be processed by one equipment operator (fork lift).

Table VIII-1 indicates that approximately 74 manhours are required by the existing system to process a rail car load comparable in size to that of one rail car shipment. This seventy four manhours translates into \$1,303 in labor costs. The development of the alternative systems will focus on the minimization of this cost.

Alternative #1 adds the following to the existing system:

1. *bailer for fork lift (secure loads on forks);*
2. *outside, side loading cantilever storage racks;*
3. *storage silo for pipe shop.*

As a result of the acquisition of these devices, the labor costs will be reduced by \$520 and manhours will be reduced by 28 hours per rail car

load. Thus, alternative #1 will require a total of 46 manhours which translates into \$783 to process the rail carload as shown in Table VIII-2.

Table VIII-2
LABOR COST ANALYSIS, ALTERNATIVE #1

NOTE: All time estimates are per rail car load.					
Task Description	Personnel Description	No. of Personnel	Manhours Per Worker	\$/Manhour	Labor cost
1.Unloading	Labor	2	3.00	\$10.00	
	Supervisor	1	3.00	\$20.00	
	Equipment Op.	1	3.00	\$20.00	
2.Classification	Labor	1	3.00	\$15.00	
3.Temporary Storage	Equipment Op.	1	3.00	\$18.00	
4.Move to Storage	Equipment Op.	1	8.00	\$18.00	
5.Unload	Equipment Op.	1	3.00	\$18.00	
6.Retrieve (load)	Equipment Op.	1	6.00	\$18.00	
7.Move to Shop	Equipment Op.	1	8.00	\$18.00	
8.Unload	Equipment Op.	1	3.00	\$18.00	
9.Stage for processing	Receiving	1	0.00	\$20.00	
	Equipment Op.	1	0.00	\$18.00	
10.Move into Shop	Equipment Op.	1	0.00	\$18.00	
TOTALS:					
Manhours	46.00				
Labor Cost	\$783.00				

source: Study Team

Alternative #1 offers labor savings in the areas of unloading, retrieval, staging for processing, and movement into the shop. The corresponding reduction in labor savings is evident in task descriptions 5, 6, 8, 9, and 10. The loading and unloading will become more efficient because of the added stability of the load on the fork lift due to the bailer. The cantilever storage racks will aid in the efficiency of the loading and unloading processes associated with the normal storage site. The acquisition of the rotating stacker will eliminate the labor expenditures in the areas of staging for processing and movement into the shop. The reason for the elimination of these expenditures is because all the material can be directly unloaded into the pipe silo.

Alternative #2 adds the following to the existing system:

1. *Pettibone cary lift;*
2. *outside, side loading cantilever storage racks; and*
3. *pipe silo for pipe shop.*

The main difference between alternative #1 and alternative #2 is that alternative #2 has the capabilities to unload and load transportation vehicles more economically and safely. In addition, alternative #2 will eliminate the need for temporary storage since the Cary Lift will be able to transport the material directly from the receiving area to the storage facility.

Comparing alternative #2 with the existing system, alternative #2 will reduce-the labor expenditures by 47 hours and \$817.

Table VIII-3
LABOR COST ANALYSIS, ALTERNATIVE #2

NOTE AU time estimates are per rail carload.					
NOTE Steps 4 and 5 are performed by the same operator					
Task Description	Personnel Description	No. of Personnel	Manhours Per Worker	\$/Manhour	labor cost
1. Unloading	Labor	0	0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
	Supervisor	1	1.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
	Equipment Op.	1	1.50	\$20.00	\$30.00
2. Classification	Labor	1	1.50	\$15.00	\$22.50
3. Temporary Storage	Equipment Op.	0	0.00	\$18.00	\$0.00
4. Move to Storage	Equipment Op.	1	8.00	\$18.00	\$144.00
5. unload	Equipment Op.	1	1.50	\$18.00	\$27.00
6. Retrieve (Load)	Equipment Op.	1	4.00	\$18.00	\$72.00
7. Move to Shop	Equipment Op.	1	8.00	\$18.00	\$144.00
8. Unload	Equipment Op.	1	1.50	\$18.00	\$27.00
9. Stage for Processing	Receiving	0	0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
	Equipment Op.	0	0.00	\$18.00	\$0.00
10. Move into Shop	Equipment Op.	0	0.00	\$18.00	\$0.00
TOTALS:					
I Manhours	27.00				
Labor Cost	\$486.50				

source: Study Team

Thus, alternative #2 will require a total of 27 manhours which translates into \$487 to process the rail car load as shown in Table VIII-3.

The major advantage of alternative #2 is the increased capacity to load, unload, and transport pipe and shapes more efficiently due to the ability of the Pettibone Cary Lift. As a result, the manhour expenditures associated with unloading, classification, and temporary storage are decreased significantly. The labor portion of the first unloading operation is eliminated since the equipment operator needs no additional aid to unload

a rail car or a flatbed truck. The temporary storage phase is also eliminated since the Cary Lift will transport the pipe and shapes directly to the normal storage area.

Table VIII-4
AFTER TAX RATE OF RETURN ANALYSIS (ROR)
ALTERNATIVE #1

Initial Investment=\$380,000.00 # Depreciating Years: 20 Increase in Annual Income=\$24,960.00 Note: 48 rail car loads received per year.							
Year	Before Tax Cash Flow	Depreciation (Sum-of-Digits)	Taxable Income	Income Tax 33.00%	After Tax Cash Flow	Rate of Return	Present Worth
0	(\$380,000.00)	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	\$24,960.00	\$36,190.48	(\$11,230.48)	\$3,706.06	\$28,666.06	2.07%	\$28,084.43
2	\$24,960.00	\$34,380.95	(\$9,420.95)	\$3,108.91	\$28,068.91	2.07%	\$26,941.44
3	\$24,960.00	\$32,571.43	(\$7,611.43)	\$2,511.77	\$27,471.77	2.07%	\$25,833.28
4	\$24,960.00	\$30,761.90	(\$5,801.90)	\$1,914.63	\$26,874.63	2.07%	\$24,758.99
5	\$24,960.00	\$28,952.38	(\$3,992.38)	\$1,317.49	\$26,277.49	2.07%	\$23,717.67
6	\$24,960.00	\$27,142.86	(\$2,182.86)	\$720.34	\$25,680.34	2.07%	\$22,708.40
7	\$24,960.00	\$25,333.33	(\$373.33)	\$123.20	\$25,083.20	2.07%	\$21,730.33
8	\$24,960.00	\$23,523.81	\$1,436.19	(\$473.94)	\$24,486.06	2.07%	\$20,782.60
9	\$24,960.00	\$21,714.29	\$3,245.71	(\$1,071.09)	\$23,888.91	2.07%	\$19,864.38
10	\$24,960.00	\$19,904.76	\$5,055.24	(\$1,668.23)	\$23,291.77	2.07%	\$18,974.87
11	\$24,960.00	\$18,095.24	\$6,864.76	(\$2,265.37)	\$22,694.63	2.07%	\$18,113.28
12	\$24,960.00	\$16,285.71	\$8,674.29	(\$2,862.51)	\$22,097.49	2.07%	\$17,278.83
13	\$24,960.00	\$14,476.19	\$10,483.81	(\$3,459.66)	\$21,500.34	2.07%	\$16,470.80
14	\$24,960.00	\$12,666.67	\$12,293.33	(\$4,056.80)	\$20,903.20	2.07%	\$15,688.43
15	\$24,960.00	\$10,857.14	\$14,102.86	(\$4,653.94)	\$20,306.06	2.07%	\$14,931.04
16	\$24,960.00	\$9,047.62	\$15,912.38	(\$5,251.09)	\$19,708.91	2.07%	\$14,197.92
17	\$24,960.00	\$7,238.10	\$17,721.90	(\$5,848.23)	\$19,111.77	2.07%	\$13,488.41
18	\$24,960.00	\$5,428.57	\$19,531.43	(\$6,445.37)	\$18,514.63	2.07%	\$12,801.84
19	\$24,960.00	\$3,619.05	\$21,340.95	(\$7,042.51)	\$17,917.49	2.07%	\$12,137.58
20	\$24,960.00	\$1,809.52	\$23,150.48	(\$7,639.66)	\$17,320.34	2.07%	\$11,495.00
\$380,000.00							\$379,999.53
Rate of Return= 2.07%							

source: Study Team

AFTER TAX RATE OF RETURN ANALYSIS (ROR)

The rate of return analysis technique is used to determine the interest rate that will make the summation of the present worth of the annual after tax cash flow equal to the initial capital investment. This rate of return interest rate is useful for comparing competing alternatives.

Table VIII-4 shows the rate of return to be 2.07% for alternative #1. This is the interest rate where the discount present value of the benefit stream equals the discounted present value of the cash outflow stream.

The initial capital investment for alternative #1 was derived as follows:

1. <i>Bailer for Fork Lift (secure loads on forks)</i>	\$30,000
2. <i>Outside, side loading cantilever storage racks</i> <i>(10) @ \$20,000</i>	\$200,000
3. <i>Pipe Silo for Pipe Shop</i>	<u>\$150,000</u>
	\$380,000

Table VIII-5 shows the rate of return to be 4.12% for alternative #2.

The initial capital investment for alternative #2 was derived as follows:

1. <i>Pettibone Carry Lift @ 60% utilization</i> <i>for pipe & shapes material handling</i>	\$120,000
2. <i>Outside, side loading cantilever storage racks</i> <i>(10) @ \$20,000</i>	\$200,000
3. <i>Pipe Silo for Pipe Shop</i>	<u>\$150,000</u>
	\$470,000

As a result of the rate of return analysis, alternative #2 is superior.

PAYBACK ANALYSIS

The objective of the payback analysis is to determine the time in which the cumulative revenues generated by the investment equal the initial investment cost. Table VII-VI indicates that alternative #1 recaptured their initial investment cost in 15.6 years.

Table VIII-6 indicates that alternative #2 recaptures the initial investment cost in 12.8 years. Thus, the payback analysis, in addition to the rate of return analysis, shows alternative #2 to be superior to alternative #1.

Table VIII-5
AFTER TAX RATE OF RETURN ANALYSIS (ROR)
ALTERNATIVE #2

Initial Investment=\$470,000.00							
# Depreciating Years: 20							
Increase in Annual Income=\$39,120.00							
Note: 48 rail car loads received per year.							
Year	Before Tax Cash Flow	Depreciation (Sum-of-Digits)	Taxable Income	Income Tax 33.00%	After Tax Cash Flow	Rate of Return	Present Worth
0	(\$470,000.00)	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	\$39,120.00	\$44,761.90	(\$5,641.90)	\$1,861.83	\$40,981.83	4.12%	\$39,360.94
2	\$39,120.00	\$42,523.81	(\$3,403.81)	\$1,123.26	\$40,243.26	4.12%	\$37,122.87
3	\$39,120.00	\$40,285.71	(\$1,165.71)	\$384.69	\$39,504.69	4.12%	\$35,000.25
4	\$39,120.00	\$38,047.62	\$1,072.38	(\$353.89)	\$38,766.11	4.12%	\$32,987.47
5	\$39,120.00	\$35,809.52	\$3,310.48	(\$1,092.46)	\$38,027.54	4.12%	\$31,079.15
6	\$39,120.00	\$33,571.43	\$5,548.57	(\$1,831.03)	\$37,288.97	4.12%	\$29,270.19
7	\$39,120.00	\$31,333.33	\$7,786.67	(\$2,569.60)	\$36,550.40	4.12%	\$27,555.70
8	\$39,120.00	\$29,095.24	\$10,024.76	(\$3,308.17)	\$35,811.83	4.12%	\$25,931.04
9	\$39,120.00	\$26,857.14	\$12,262.86	(\$4,046.74)	\$35,073.26	4.12%	\$24,391.79
10	\$39,120.00	\$24,619.05	\$14,500.95	(\$4,785.31)	\$34,334.69	4.12%	\$22,933.74
11	\$39,120.00	\$22,380.95	\$16,739.05	(\$5,523.89)	\$33,596.11	4.12%	\$21,552.87
12	\$39,120.00	\$20,142.86	\$18,977.14	(\$6,262.46)	\$32,857.54	4.12%	\$20,245.35
13	\$39,120.00	\$17,904.76	\$21,215.24	(\$7,001.03)	\$32,118.97	4.12%	\$19,007.54
14	\$39,120.00	\$15,666.67	\$23,453.33	(\$7,739.60)	\$31,380.40	4.12%	\$17,835.98
15	\$39,120.00	\$13,428.57	\$25,691.43	(\$8,478.17)	\$30,641.83	4.12%	\$16,727.36
16	\$39,120.00	\$11,190.48	\$27,929.52	(\$9,216.74)	\$29,903.26	4.12%	\$15,678.53
17	\$39,120.00	\$8,952.38	\$30,167.62	(\$9,955.31)	\$29,164.69	4.12%	\$14,686.50
18	\$39,120.00	\$6,714.29	\$32,405.71	(\$10,693.89)	\$28,426.11	4.12%	\$13,748.42
19	\$39,120.00	\$4,476.19	\$34,643.81	(\$11,432.46)	\$27,687.54	4.12%	\$12,861.57
20	\$39,120.00	\$2,238.10	\$36,881.90	(\$12,171.03)	\$26,948.97	4.12%	\$12,023.36
\$470,000.00							\$470,000.63
Rate of Return= 4.12%			4				
			.				
			1				
			2				
			%				

source: Study Team

Table VIII-6
PAYBACK ANALYSIS, ALTERNATIVE #1

Initial Investment=\$380,000.00						
# Depreciating Years: 20						
Increase in Annual Income=\$24,960.00						
Note: 48 rail car loads received per year.						
Year	Before Tax Cash Flow	Depreciation (Sum-of-Digits)	Taxable Income	Income Tax 33.00%	After Tax Cash Flow	Cumulative Cash Flow
0	(\$380,000.00)	-	-	-	-	
1	\$24,960.00	\$36,190.48	(\$11,230.48)	\$3,706.06	\$28,666.06	(\$351,333.94)
2	\$24,960.00	\$34,380.95	(\$9,420.95)	\$3,108.91	\$28,068.91	(\$323,265.03)
3	\$24,960.00	\$32,571.43	(\$7,611.43)	\$2,511.77	\$27,471.77	(\$295,793.26)
4	\$24,960.00	\$30,761.90	(\$5,801.90)	\$1,914.63	\$26,874.63	(\$268,918.63)
5	\$24,960.00	\$28,952.38	(\$3,992.38)	\$1,317.49	\$26,277.49	(\$242,641.14)
6	\$24,960.00	\$27,142.86	(\$2,182.86)	\$720.34	\$25,680.34	(\$216,960.80)
7	\$24,960.00	\$25,333.33	(\$373.33)	\$123.20	\$25,083.20	(\$191,877.60)
8	\$24,960.00	\$23,523.81	\$1,436.19	(\$473.94)	\$24,486.06	(\$167,391.54)
9	\$24,960.00	\$21,714.29	\$3,245.71	(\$1,071.09)	\$23,888.91	(\$143,502.63)
10	\$24,960.00	\$19,904.76	\$5,055.24	(\$1,668.23)	\$23,291.77	(\$120,210.86)
11	\$24,960.00	\$18,095.24	\$6,864.76	(\$2,265.37)	\$22,694.63	(\$97,516.23)
12	\$24,960.00	\$16,285.71	\$8,674.29	(\$2,862.51)	\$22,097.49	(\$75,418.74)
13	\$24,960.00	\$14,476.19	\$10,483.81	(\$3,459.66)	\$21,500.34	(\$53,918.40)
14	\$24,960.00	\$12,666.67	\$12,293.33	(\$4,056.80)	\$20,903.20	(\$33,015.20)
15	\$24,960.00	\$10,857.14	\$14,102.86	(\$4,653.94)	\$20,306.06	(\$12,709.14)
16	\$24,960.00	\$9,047.62	\$15,912.38	(\$5,251.09)	\$19,708.91	\$6,999.77
17	\$24,960.00	\$7,238.10	\$17,721.90	(\$5,848.23)	\$19,111.77	\$26,111.54
18	\$24,960.00	\$5,428.57	\$19,531.43	(\$6,445.37)	\$18,514.63	\$44,626.17
19	\$24,960.00	\$3,619.05	\$21,340.95	(\$7,042.51)	\$17,917.49	\$62,543.66
20	\$24,960.00	\$1,809.52	\$23,150.48	(\$7,639.66)	\$17,320.34	\$79,864.00
Payback Period= 15.6 years						

Source: Study Team

Table VIII-7
PAYBACK ANALYSIS, ALTERNATIVE #2

Initial Investment=\$470,000.00						
# Depreciating Years: 20					20	
Increase in Annual Income=\$39,120.00						
Note: 48 rail car loads received per year.						
Year	Before Tax Cash Flow	Depreciation (Sum-of-Digits)	Taxable Income	Income Tax 33.00%	After Tax Cash Flow	Cumulative Cash Flow
0	(\$470,000.00)	-	-	-	-	
1	\$39,120.00	\$44,761.90	(\$5,641.90)	\$1,861.83	\$40,981.83	(\$429,018.17)
2	\$39,120.00	\$42,523.81	(\$3,403.81)	\$1,123.26	\$40,243.26	(\$388,774.91)
3	\$39,120.00	\$40,285.71	(\$1,165.71)	\$384.69	\$39,504.69	(\$349,270.23)
4	\$39,120.00	\$38,047.62	\$1,072.38	(\$353.89)	\$38,766.11	(\$310,504.11)
5	\$39,120.00	\$35,809.52	\$3,310.48	(\$1,092.46)	\$38,027.54	(\$272,476.57)
6	\$39,120.00	\$33,571.43	\$5,548.57	(\$1,831.03)	\$37,288.97	(\$235,187.60)
7	\$39,120.00	\$31,333.33	\$7,786.67	(\$2,569.60)	\$36,550.40	(\$198,637.20)
8	\$39,120.00	\$29,095.24	\$10,024.76	(\$3,308.17)	\$35,811.83	(\$162,825.37)
9	\$39,120.00	\$26,857.14	\$12,262.86	(\$4,046.74)	\$35,073.26	(\$127,752.11)
10	\$39,120.00	\$24,619.05	\$14,500.95	(\$4,785.31)	\$34,334.69	(\$93,417.43)
11	\$39,120.00	\$22,380.95	\$16,739.05	(\$5,523.89)	\$33,596.11	(\$59,821.31)
12	\$39,120.00	\$20,142.86	\$18,977.14	(\$6,262.46)	\$32,857.54	(\$26,963.77)
13	\$39,120.00	\$17,904.76	\$21,215.24	(\$7,001.03)	\$32,118.97	\$5,155.20
14	\$39,120.00	\$15,666.67	\$23,453.33	(\$7,739.60)	\$31,380.40	\$36,535.60
15	\$39,120.00	\$13,428.57	\$25,691.43	(\$8,478.17)	\$30,641.83	\$67,177.43
16	\$39,120.00	\$11,190.48	\$27,929.52	(\$9,216.74)	\$29,903.26	\$97,080.69
17	\$39,120.00	\$8,952.38	\$30,167.62	(\$9,955.31)	\$29,164.69	\$126,245.37
18	\$39,120.00	\$6,714.29	\$32,405.71	(\$10,693.89)	\$28,426.11	\$154,671.49
19	\$39,120.00	\$4,476.19	\$34,643.81	(\$11,432.46)	\$27,687.54	\$182,359.03
20	\$39,120.00	\$2,238.10	\$36,881.90	(\$12,171.03)	\$26,948.97	\$209,308.00
\$470,000.00						
Payback Period= 12.8 years						

source: Study Team

EQUIVALENT UNIFORM ANNUAL COST (EUAC)

The equivalent uniform annual cost analysis is used to derive figures that represent the annual operating cost of the system if retired in the year "n". These figures are generated by determining the uniform annual recovery cost of the initial capital expenditure minus the annual salvage value plus the uniform annual cost of maintenance in the year "n". These uniform annual costs are generated by utilizing the capital recovery factor and the arithmetic gradient to uniform series factor. In Tables VIII-8 and

VIII-9, the “Total EUAC” column represents the uniform annual cost (capital recovery plus maintenance) if the project was terminated in the year “ n ”.

Tables VIII-8 and VIII-9 show the equivalent uniform annual costs associated with alternatives #1 and #2, respectively. It has been assumed for this analysis that the interest rate is 8% and that the annual salvage value is negligible. The maintenance costs for alternative #1 are zero for the first year and increase \$600 dollars per year, every year thereafter. The maintenance costs for alternative #2 are zero for the first year and increase \$400 dollars per year, every year thereafter. The initial investment costs for alternative #1 and #2 are \$380,000 and \$470,000, respectively.

Figure VIII-1 indicates that the annual cost is greater for alternative #2 when the project is retired in the year “ n ”.

CONCLUSION

The results of the analysis in this case study indicate that alternative #2 is superior based on the payback and rate of return analyses. Alternative #2 will pay back the investment approximately 2.8 years earlier than alternative #1. Moreover, alternative #2 has a 2.05% higher rate of return than alternative #1. The results of the EUAC analysis seem reasonable since the annual cost of capital recovery of the initial investment is significantly higher for alternative #2 than alternative #1. However, the results of this EUAC analysis do not provide enough evidence to support the selection of alternative #1. Thus, as stated previously, this case study supports the selection of alternative #2.

This was a simplified analysis undertaken mainly to explain the economic analysis techniques. It is unlikely that a shipyard would decide to make a major capital investment that takes 15 years to pay back. However, it is possible that a thorough analysis of a shipyard’s pipe and shapes handling system would produce a much shorter payback period and justify the expenditures.

Table VIII-8
EQUIVALENT UNIFORM ANNUAL COST (EUAC)
ALTERNATIVE #1

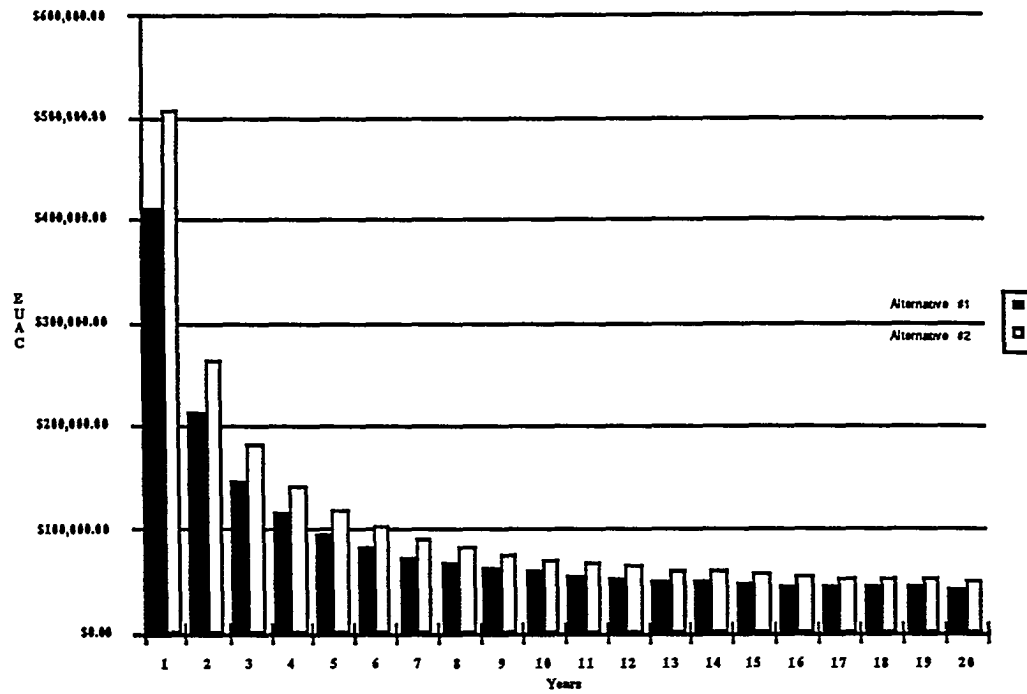
Initial Investment Cost= \$380,000						
Salvage Value= \$0.00						
Interest Rate= 8.00%						
If retired at end of year "n"						
Year	Interest Rate	Estimated Salvage Value, End of Year n	Estimated Maintenance Cost for Year	EUAC of Capital Recovery	EUAC of Maintenance	Total EUAC
n				$\$380,000(A/P, 8\%, n)$	$\$600(A/G, 8\%, n)$	
1	8.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$410,400.00	\$0.00	\$410,400.00
2	8.00%	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$213,092.31	\$288.46	\$213,380.77
3	8.00%	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$147,452.74	\$569.25	\$148,021.98
4	8.00%	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$114,729.91	\$842.38	\$115,572.28
5	8.00%	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	\$95,173.45	\$1,107.88	\$96,281.34
6	8.00%	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$82,199.85	\$1,365.81	\$83,565.65
7	8.00%	\$0.00	\$3,600.00	\$72,987.51	\$1,616.20	\$74,603.71
8	8.00%	\$0.00	\$4,200.00	\$66,125.61	\$1,859.11	\$67,984.72
9	8.00%	\$0.00	\$4,800.00	\$60,830.29	\$2,094.62	\$62,924.91
10	8.00%	\$0.00	\$5,400.00	\$56,631.21	\$2,322.79	\$58,953.99
11	8.00%	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$53,229.01	\$2,543.70	\$55,772.71
12	8.00%	\$0.00	\$6,600.00	\$50,424.11	\$2,757.45	\$53,181.55
13	8.00%	\$0.00	\$7,200.00	\$48,078.29	\$2,964.12	\$51,042.41
14	8.00%	\$0.00	\$7,800.00	\$46,092.80	\$3,163.83	\$49,256.63
15	8.00%	\$0.00	\$8,400.00	\$44,395.23	\$3,356.68	\$47,751.90
16	8.00%	\$0.00	\$9,000.00	\$42,931.21	\$3,542.78	\$46,473.99
17	8.00%	\$0.00	\$9,600.00	\$41,659.18	\$3,722.25	\$45,381.43
18	8.00%	\$0.00	\$10,200.00	\$40,546.80	\$3,895.22	\$44,442.01
19	8.00%	\$0.00	\$10,800.00	\$39,568.50	\$4,061.81	\$43,630.31
20	8.00%	\$0.00	\$11,400.00	\$38,703.84	\$4,222.17	\$42,926.01

source: Study Team

Table VIII-9
EQUIVALENT UNIFORM ANNUAL COST (EUAC)
ALTERNATIVE #2

Initial Investment Cost= \$470,000						
Salvage Value= \$0.00						
Interest Rate= 8.00%						
If retired at end of year n						
Year	Interest Rate	Estimated Salvage Value, End of Year n	Estimated Maintenance Cost for Year	EUAC of Capital Recovery	EUAC of Maintenance	Total EUAC
n				$\$470,000(A/P, 8\%, n)$	$\$400(A/G, 8\%, n)$	
1	8.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$507,600.00	\$0.00	\$507,600.00
2	8.00%	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$263,561.54	\$192.31	\$263,753.85
3	8.00%	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$182,375.75	\$379.50	\$182,755.25
4	8.00%	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$141,902.78	\$561.58	\$142,464.36
5	8.00%	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	\$117,714.53	\$738.59	\$118,453.12
6	8.00%	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$101,668.23	\$910.54	\$102,578.77
7	8.00%	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	\$90,274.03	\$1,077.47	\$91,351.49
8	8.00%	\$0.00	\$2,800.00	\$81,786.94	\$1,239.41	\$83,026.35
9	8.00%	\$0.00	\$3,200.00	\$75,237.46	\$1,396.41	\$76,633.88
10	8.00%	\$0.00	\$3,600.00	\$70,043.86	\$1,548.53	\$71,592.39
11	8.00%	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$65,835.88	\$1,695.80	\$67,531.68
12	8.00%	\$0.00	\$4,400.00	\$62,366.66	\$1,838.30	\$64,204.96
13	8.00%	\$0.00	\$4,800.00	\$59,465.25	\$1,976.08	\$61,441.33
14	8.00%	\$0.00	\$5,200.00	\$57,009.52	\$2,109.22	\$59,118.74
15	8.00%	\$0.00	\$5,600.00	\$54,909.89	\$2,237.78	\$57,147.67
16	8.00%	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$53,099.13	\$2,361.85	\$55,460.98
17	8.00%	\$0.00	\$6,400.00	\$51,525.83	\$2,481.50	\$54,007.33
18	8.00%	\$0.00	\$6,800.00	\$50,149.99	\$2,596.81	\$52,746.80
19	8.00%	\$0.00	\$7,200.00	\$48,939.98	\$2,707.88	\$51,647.86
20	8.00%	\$0.00	\$7,600.00	\$47,870.54	\$2,814.78	\$50,685.32

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Figure VIII-1
TOTAL EUAC COMPARISON

IX. SUMMARY

The object of the research conducted for this report was to investigate efficient means for moving and storing pipe and shapes. The subject has frequently been referred to as a handling problem because there is no value added to the materials from handling alone.

Original plans were to develop an “ideal” system for this handling problem, but there are too many variables involved with the materials and the sizes of shipyards to label any one system ideal. However, various possible types and arrangements of moving and storing equipment have been described. In addition, methods and data by which the manager of the handling department in any shipyard could analyze his or her own situation have been presented to use as a framework for that analysis.

Thus, the objective of this report was to provide a shipyard industrial engineer with a reference and a framework by which to design and analyze movement and storage methods for pipe and shapes.

The sections that can be considered as references are Section II, “Review of Previous Studies and Literature”, Section IV, “Principles of Material Handling”, and Section VI, “Analysis of Movement and Storage Methods”.

The “Review of Previous Studies and Literature” section evaluated many of the previous NSRP reports and other literature to develop the background for this study. This review also served to provide an additional reference source when analyzing pipe and shapes in the marine construction industry.

The “Principles of Material Handling” section discussed general material handling principles. These principles were introduced to provide guidelines for all the individuals involved in the design and analysis of existing and alternative systems.

The “Analysis of Movement and Storage Methods” section described the attributes of the various types of movement and storage devices with respect to handling pipe and shapes. Fork trucks, straddle carriers, lifter loaders, cranes and other machines were investigated along with specialty accessories to these pieces of equipment. Storage arrangements such as cantilever racks, pallet racks and stacks were also described in this section.

The sections that provided a framework for analysis were Section III, “Problem Definition”, Section VII, “Material Handling System Design”, and Section VIII, “Case Study”.

The “Problem Definition” section defined problems involved with material handling in general, and movement and storage of pipe and shapes in particular. This section also summarized the particularly applicable findings of the literature search.

The “Material Handling System Design” section implemented the information developed in the previous sections. A “generic” shipyard was developed to serve as a basis for any shipyard material manager analyzing the movement and storage needs for their shipyard. A methodology was described for analyzing generic material handling problems, but concentrating on pipe and shapes handling. The body of this section described the methodology while a specific case study was presented in Section VIII.

In the “Case Study” section, a labor cost analysis was performed, with the aid of tools such as Flow Process Charts, From-To Charts, and Shipyard Layout Charts. All of these charts were discussed in a general sense, in the “Material Handling System Design” section. Specific numerical examples of these charts were not incorporated into the case study for simplicity. However, numerical information that was included in this case study began with the labor cost analysis and capital acquisition and operation costs for two alternatives. These two alternatives were compared based on engineering economic analysis techniques. The analysis techniques used were After Tax Rate of Return Analysis (ROR), Payback Analysis, Equivalent Uniform Annual Cost Analysis (EUAC). Based on these analyses, a superior alternative was selected.

The best handling system is not to have one at all. The ideal system would have the supplier deliver the needed items at the right place at the right time with reliable service. However, ours is not an ideal world, the supplier base in this country is not geared to just-in-time delivery, and such a delivery system would make the raw materials cost considerably more.

Therefore, the person making decisions on a material handling system must choose the most cost effective balance between economic order quantities, raw material handling and processing, and delivery of these materials to the customer, the pipe shop or fabrication shop using the materials.

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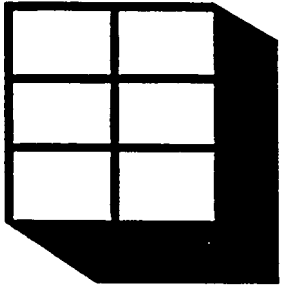
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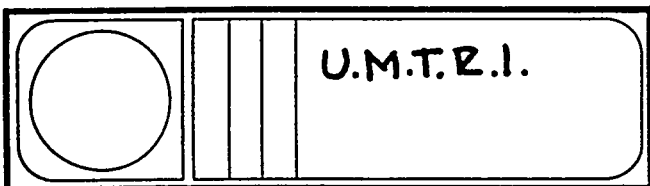
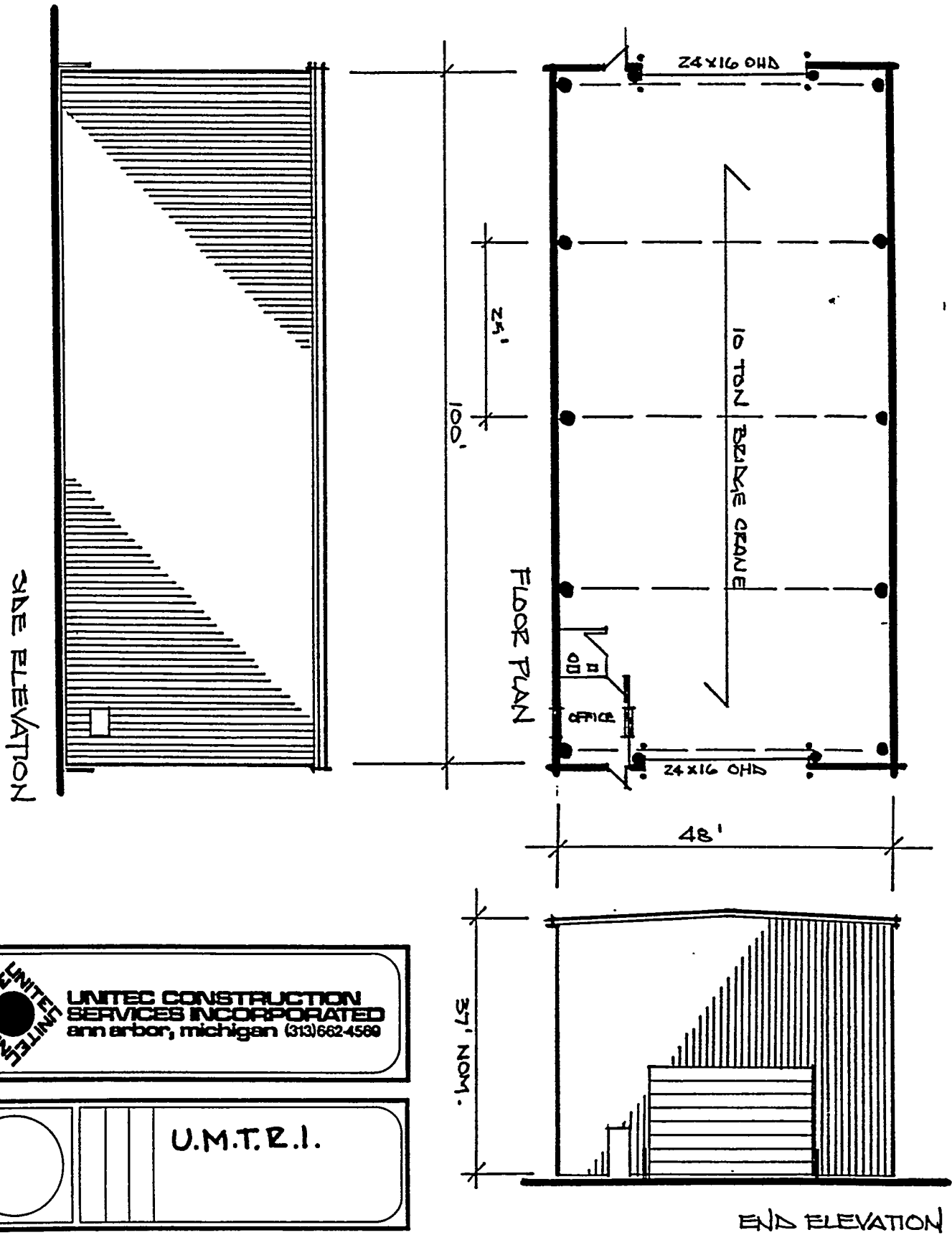
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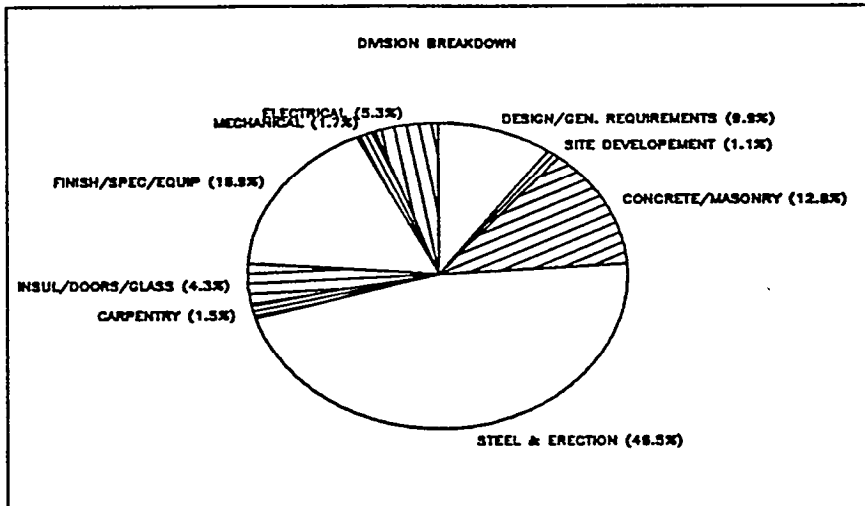
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A = Indicates Allowance

PROJECT NAME:		U.M. T.R.I. - Al Horseman			PERCENT
DESCRIPTION:		Boat Parts Storage		COST	OF
Square Footage:		4800		PER	TOTAL
Date:		16-Oct-90	COST	SQ. FT.	PROJECT
1.00	Des/Gen Req/Supr Design	A	3264	0.68	1.8%
	Civil and site engineering and drawings not included.				
	Architectural, mechanical, electrical, design and drawings.				
1.08	Permits	N.I.C.			
	General Requirements		4896	1.02	1 2.7%
	Layout, testing, barricades, temp utilities, site clean-up, etc.				
	Project Control (Super)	A	9791	2.04	5.4%
	On site supervision and project expediting.				
2.20	Site Development Earthwork	A	2000	0.42	1.1%
	Strip 6" of topsoil and fill 6" of granular fill to 5' outside building line				
	Utilities Gas/Elect	N.I.C.			
2.50	Underground Wtr/San/St	N.I.C.			
2.60	Paving	N.I.C.			
3.00	Concrete Foundation	A	10904	2.27	6.0%
	Assuming 3000psf soil capacity and no underground obstructions.				
	Foundations - to 3'6" below finish grade				
	FlatWork	A	12280	2.56	6.8%
	6" steel reinforced slab				
	Exterior door pads and aprons				
5.00	Steel Struct.	A	7469.7	15.56	41 .2%
	Butler Widespan building				
	Butlerib roof system				
	Butlerib wall system				
	Gutters, and downspouts				
5.55	Erection	A	9600.0	2.00	5.3%
6.00	Wood and Plastic Carpentry	A	2800.0	0.58	1.5%
	Stud and drywall partitions for office and toilet room				
	Mezzanine deck over office and toilet room				
	2x4 acoustical lay-in ceiling in office and toilet room				
7.20	Thermal/Moist PEB Insul	N.I.C.			
8.10	Doors/Windows Person Drs		7168	0.15	0.4%
	Interior 3x7 wood doors in steel frames				
	Exterior 3x7 steel doors in steel frames				
8.30	OHD/Spec	A	6940	1.45	3.8%
	2-24' x 16' power operated steel overhead doors				
8.80	Glass/Glaz	A	50	0.01	0.0%
	1-5' x 4' window				
9.00	Finishes				
	Painting	A	4844	0.10	0.3%
	Finish paint all drywall partitions				
	Finish paint all doors and frames				
10.0	Specialties Toi Acces	A	120	0.03	0.1%
	Toilet room accessories - Paper dispensers, Mirrors, Grab bars, toilet partitions				
14.0	Conveying Systems	A	30000	6.25	16.6%
	10 ton bridge crane				
15.4	Mechanical 1 Plumbing	A	3000	0.63	1.7%
	1 Water closet				
	1 Lavatory				
15.6	HVAC	N.I.C.			

Ballpark Estimate Spread Sheet U.M.T.R.I. Continued

16.0	Electrical	A	9600	2.00	5.3%
	Incomming service 120/208 volt 3 phase				
	20 fc Lighting in the shop area				
	80 fc lighting in the office area				
	4 Duplex receptacles				
	Required exit lighting				
	Required emergency lighting				
TOTAL COST			181142	37.74	100.0%
Builders Fee			27171	5.66	
CONTRACT TOTALS			208313	43.40	



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